

INTERNATIONAL

South Africa crushes coup bid in Bophuthatswana



MMABATHO, Feb 10. (Agencies): Dissident homeland Army officers ousted Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope early today, but South African soldiers invaded the tribal territory and restored him to power less than 15 hours later.

"I am back in control... thanks to the South African Army," Mangope said on Bophuthatswana television. He spoke for about five minutes in Setswana after having been kept in a dressing room of the national sports stadium most of the day.

Thirty South African anti-terrorist police, backed by scores of South African soldiers in

armoured vehicles, broke down the gates of independence stadium at about 4:30 pm (1430 GMT).

Journalists who entered the stadium behind the South Africans saw 40 to 50 Bophuthatswana soldiers ordered to lie on the ground. They were searched and taken away in South African vehicles after Mangope and other homeland ministers were fallen across southern Britain and Ireland.

Witnesses said the military raid on the capital of Mimabatho was led by Gen. Jannie Geldenhuys, the commander of the South African Armed Forces.

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Hope and Glory heads British nominations

LONDON, Feb 10, (AP): "Hope and Glory," John Boorman's autobiographical film set in World War II London, and "Jean de Florette," the first in a two-part French saga starring Yves Montand, topped the nominations yesterday for the 1987 awards from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts.

Both films are in the running for best picture alongside Woody Allen's "Radio Days" and Richard Attenborough's "Cry

Freedom."

The four films picked up 37 of 68 nominations made in 17 categories. Winners in the craft division will be announced March 13. Those in production and performance will be announced March 30.

"Hope and Glory," a hopeful in next week's Academy award nominations, led the field with 13 Bafta nominations, including Boorman for both best director and best screenplay and Sarah Miles for best actress.

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107 mph winds pound Britain, Ireland

Nine dead in hurricane

LONDON, Feb 10. (UPI): Atlantic hurricane-force winds swept into northern England and Scotland today, leaving a toll of at least nine dead and a trail of power-cuts, destruction and fallen trees across southern Britain and Ireland.

The Irish Republic, which took gusts of up to 107 miles an hour (172 kph), reported five people killed in storm-related accidents. Four, including a Danish seaman washed overboard in the Atlantic, perished elsewhere.

British weathermen, who reported gusts of up to 110 mph (177 kph) on the southwestern seaboard, warned people in northern England and Scotland to remain indoors as the storm headed north.

A swinging farm gate caught by the wind crushed a 52-year-old woman to death against a wall in county Kerry. But police said no one was injured in the collapse of a derelict three-story building blown down during the night in Duhlin.

In the most dramatic incident, a crewman on a Danish vessel was presumed drowned after he

was swept into heavy seas 350 miles off Falmouth, England, on the southern coast. Rescue ships and helicopters failed to locate him in the 40-foot (12 m) seas.

Two motorists were killed by falling trees in southwestern England and a 77-year-old man died when an unsafe wall he was trying to demolish as a precaution collapsed on him in 90-mph (145-kph) winds at Bristol, western England.

In Ireland, two people were killed by trees hitting their cars, an 18-year-old woman cyclist died when the wind blew her under a truck and a 61-year-old man suffered a fatal heart attack after the wind knocked him down.

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In Northern Ireland, authorities said about 12,000 homes

were without electricity after power lines were blown down.

In London, the Weather Center reported gusts of up to 50 mph (80 kph) accompanied by driving rain and snow in some areas.

Submarine

The fierce winds also caused havoc in the air and at sea.

A 40-foot (12 m) bulb section of a nuclear Trident submarine was swept off the deck of a transport freighter and lost in heavy seas off the western coast of Scotland.

The captain of the 90,000-ton Korean-registered oil tanker Hillesport Courage sent out an emergency call for help late yesterday when his ship began drifting out of control in heavy seas off the northwestern coast of Ireland.

Coast Guard officials said the captain managed to get his vessel under control a few hours later by using emergency steering gear. In the English Channel, many ships put into port for shelter, and ferry services between Ireland and England were cancelled.

A light airplane was blown off

a runway at Shannon airport on Ireland's western coast. No one was injured. Flights from Belfast were cancelled, and smaller airports were closed.

Suffered

The west-to-east tail winds were so strong that many transatlantic airliners arrived at London's Heathrow Airport up to 45 minutes earlier than scheduled.

A truck driver suffered minor injuries when his vehicle was blown over as he was driving near Portadown, Northern Ireland. And a double-decker bus carrying 14 school children was blown into a ditch in Lancashire in northwestern England. No one was injured.

The storm reminded many of the gale-force winds that struck southeastern Britain last October, killing 18 people. Weather officials, who were criticised for failing to provide ample warning of that storm last fall, foresaw the arrival of the ferocious winds yesterday.

Weathermen said they expected the storm to continue today.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Adler dies

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 10. (AP): Kurt Herbert Adler, the San Francisco Opera's Vienna-born general director for 28 years, died of a heart attack. He was 82.

Adler collapsed at his home in nearby Ross yesterday, said Kon Lockhart, the opera's publication's editor.

He joined the San Francisco Opera full-time in 1949 and was named general director in 1953, a post he held until his retirement in 1981.

Cameras allowed

LONDON, Feb 10. (AP): The House of Commons voted by a surprisingly large margin to allow television cameras to record the often rowdy deliberations of the Mother of Parliaments.

The vote last night would allow TV networks into the chamber for a trial period, probably with stipulations to film only the proceedings and not demonstrations. After the trial, members will vote again on whether to make it permanent.

Rare orchids

MOSCOW, Feb 10. (Reuter): The collection of rare orchids of the Soviet Academy of Sciences in the Ukraine was burgled by a man caught selling them at 100 roubles (\$165) a flower, Pravda reported today.

The Communist Party newspaper said V. Tyurin had twice travelled from Moscow to Kiev to raid the academy's greenhouse. He smuggled the flowers out in sacks and sold them in Moscow.

Waldheim under pressure to resign

VIENNA, Feb 10. (AP): President Kurt Waldheim faced mounting pressure today to resign after an international commission's report criticised his role in the Second World War.

Only leaders of the conservative People's Party that backed Waldheim's election in 1986 expressly supported him.

The calls for resignation came as Waldheim awaited the first state visit of his tenure. Jordan's King Hussein, who hosted Waldheim in Amman last summer, was due to arrive later today.

Indicated

The three other parties in Parliament clearly distanced themselves from Waldheim, who is also the former UN Secretary-General. The socialists, re-trained by their government coalition with the conservatives, did not make an outright call for his resignation but indicated they would like to see him step down.

The small Greens-Party demanded Waldheim's resignation and said Socialists and People's Party parliamentarians had privately expressed similar sentiments.

"No one dares say it publicly," Greens Deputy Walter Geyer told a news conference. "But when we talk to socialist deputies privately, I don't know of one who doesn't say, 'Kurt Waldheim damages Austria.' Even most of the deputies from the People's Party privately think Kurt Waldheim has become untenable."

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Indian troops set to crush Tigers

BATTICALOA, Feb 10, (Reuters): Indian troops reinforcements are being airlifted into eastern Sri Lanka for an all-out assault on Tamil separatist rebels.

Security sources said today that about 20,000 Indian soldiers from the 55,000 posted to the island were expected to be deployed for the operation.

A rebel spokesman estimated there were about 35,000 Indian soldiers in Batticaloa in some 100 camps.

In New Delhi an Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesman said: "We have built up and reinforced our forces in the East because the resistance is continuing there."

Movement

He declined to say when the operation would begin but added: "We will clean it up by April. We aim to return the Eastern region to normalcy by then."

The guerrilla Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) have rejected a peace pact between India and Sri Lanka aimed at ending the five-year rebellion and setting up semi-autonomous provincial councils.

Residents of Batticaloa said

today that a large number of troops were flown in on Tuesday by helicopter.

"For the past 10 days there have been planes flying in and out and troops moving about in trucks," said a prominent Tamil businessman.

Despite the presence of the soldiers, Tiger members moved freely around Batticaloa, a town of 40,000 people.

The rebels' district political commander, a 22-year-old called Sittitha, told reporters: "It's very difficult for the Indian peace-keeping force to catch us. They don't know us and we can move around comfortably."

He and three aides carried no weapons but wore cyanide suicide capsules around their neck, in case of capture.

"What we expect the Indian soldiers to do is to cordon off certain areas and conduct search operations for about 10 days, starve the people within those areas, and finally demand the people to show where the LTTE is," Sittitha said.

"They will hold the people there until the LTTE is exposed. The people won't get food."

Palestinians protest abduction of UN workers

Gunmen kidnap girl in W. Beirut for ransom

BEIRUT, Feb 10, (AP): Gunmen kidnapped today the daughter of a wealthy businessman living in West Beirut, and Palestinian refugees in south Lebanon staged a strike to protest the abduction last week of two Scandinavian UN relief workers.

A police spokesman said Roula Freij, 16, was being driven to school this morning when the car she was riding in was intercepted by two gunmen off the busy Hamra commercial thoroughfare.

The gunmen dragged Miss Freij out of her family's chauffeur-driven car, forced her into their green Mercedes-Benz automobile and sped away, said the spokesman.

"We believe this is a kidnapping for ransom," he added.

Miss Freij is the daughter of Atallah Freij, a wealthy businessman who owns a chain of men's clothes shops named after the family.

Sons of prominent Christian

and Muslim families have been kidnapped in the past and let go for ransom. This was the first time that a girl has been selected for abduction.

In south Lebanon, Palestinian refugees went on strike at five camps to protest the kidnapping of Jan Stening, 44, a Swede, and William Jorgensen, 58, a Norwegian.

Schools and shops were also closed in Ein El-Hilweh and Mich Mich in Sidon, and Tyre's Rashidiyah, El Buss and Bour El Shimal shantytowns.

The two men, employees of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which cares for Palestinian refugees, were kidnapped near Sidon, 40 kilometres south of Beirut, on Friday.

Unrwa blamed the abduction on "Palestinian individuals acting without a political motive."

And Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organisation has vowed to secure their release.

A Lebanese leftist militia

source said Tuesday the captors were demanding "guarantees" that they would not be harmed once the captives are freed.

Arafat "insists on the unconditional release of the two captives," said the source.

Per Olof Hallqvist, Unrwa's Lebanon director, was in Sidon to follow up on efforts to obtain the release of his two employees.

Negotiations

Norwegian Charge d'Affaires

Peter Raeder said today negotiations to free two Scandinavian UN relief workers had stalled, dimming hopes for their early release.

"There seems to have been a break in the negotiations. We hope that this is a temporary break and that the parties involved will get together and restart negotiations," Raeder told reporters in West Beirut.

Raeder, who arrived from his Damascus base Saturday, was referring to talks between Palestinian officials and Mustapha Saad, the head of the Popular



PLO fighters in a state of alert on hills overlooking Ein El-Hilweh camp to secure release of Unrwa workers. (Reuters wirephoto)

Liberation Army (PLA) which controls Sidon.

He said he hoped the deadlock would not delay the release of Stening and Jorgensen.

Lebanese Muslim militia sources said Palestinian officials had failed to keep promises they made to Saad to release the two at his house at dawn on Tuesday, prompting Saad to halt his mediation efforts.

No Palestinian faction has claimed responsibility for the abduction.

Residents of the camps have denounced the kidnappers, which Unrwa has said threatens its assistance for some 280,000 Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

Bearded Palestinian command-

dos, clad in olive-green military fatigues and brandishing rocket launchers and automatic rifles, manned checkpoints and patrolled streets in the sprawling camps.

A security source said fighters of the mainstream Al-Fatah group loyal to Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat searched some houses at Ein El Hilweh.

"To achieve this goal, all Arab states should be united in a new strategy with a clear and defined objective which is safeguarding national security."

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Call for a private university in Kuwait

HAVING a private university in Kuwait will solve the problems facing many parents who are very worried about the future education of their children after graduation from high school because higher education has become an economic necessity in these times, according to a local newspaper.

A private university would create honest competition for Kuwait University and would help to cover some specialities needed to meet development plans in the country.

A number of students unable to join a college expressed their views in a local newspaper.

Chance

One of them, Inas M. Mohammed, who graduated from high school in the science branch, said she was studying commerce as an independent student at Cairo University. She said she did not

obtain sufficient marks for admission to Kuwait University. She said it was not easy for her to be away from her family and face a different society.

She said having a private university in Kuwait was a great idea and would give students a chance to complete their college education while remaining with their family and friends.

She said that establishing a private university would require a long time and people might have the mistaken idea that a private university would admit students with low grades.

Majdi Shaqar graduated from high school in 1985 and then went to Yugoslavia where he spent a whole year at a language school and another year at the marine academy. He said he could not stay in Yugoslavia because there was a big difference in traditions and many times he wished he was a student

at Kuwait University and close to his family. He returned from Yugoslavia because of complications over residency.

He said he did not have a clear picture of his future at present.

He said that many countries had several private universities to give more chances for students to attend college.

Ayman Nahas, graduated from high school in 1986. He said he was a student at the Kuwait Computer Centre because his marks were not enough for him to complete his college education in Kuwait.

He tried to obtain a visit visa in Britain but his application was refused. He wanted a college education and was currently trying for a student visa to Canada.

He said that a private university in Kuwait would help students who were financially unable to attend foreign universities.

Higher Planning Council meets

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah yesterday presided over the 8th meeting for the Higher Planning Council.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and members of the council.

Secretary-general of the council Fuad Abdul Rahman Mulla Hussein told Kuwait News Agency (Kuna) that the council has discussed minutes on agenda and adopted appropriate resolutions concerning them.

He added that the council has approved the framework proposed by the economic committee according to which the drafts of state budget will be discussed and presented to the Council of Ministers so as to be referred to the Planning Ministry.

Briefed

Hussein added that the council has emphasised the importance of commitment to preparing annual plans.

Hussein further said that the council was briefed on the report of the secretariat of the Higher Council for Planning on the session in which the development plan and following up of its implementation were discussed.

He said that the council lauded the report and decided to refer recommendations in that report to the Ministry of Planning to follow them up.

He also said that the secretary-general of the council briefed the meeting on the activities of the council over a period of six months between June 9 December 23 last year.

Discussions also dealt with political and financial affairs in Kuwait, Hussein said, adding that the next meeting will be held late next month.

Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, Minister of Planning, held a reception in honour of his predecessor, M. Mohammed



Dr Al Awadi embracing Suleiman Sayed Ali at a local hotel. The reception was attended by a number of high officials and dignitaries. Dr Awadi

praised the former minister and wished him every success in his new role as adviser at the Amiri Diwan.

At the end of his tour, the Egyptian official exchanged with the Kuwaiti Education Minister and the university rector souvenir gifts on the occasion of his visit to the country.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Minister of Interior Major General Zaki Badr yesterday said Egyptian expatriates need great care than those inside Egypt, and

admitted difficulty of terminating extremist groups with ordinary security measures.

In an interview with Al-Seyasah, Badr said Egyptians harbor great affection to Kuwait, noting that "a large Egyptian community live in Kuwait." He added the Egyptian expatriates have never been a source of security troubles.

The minister stressed that Kuwait's internal security is part of Egypt's, noting that Cairo is ready to provide Kuwait with expertise and potentials.

In response to a question, he asserted that extremism, whether to the left or right, is the most dangerous threat to Egypt's internal security.

The minister called for collective efforts among social, religious and economic activists to wipe out the fanatics, whom he said could not be dealt with via ordinary security measures.

Badr charged foreign powers, which he did not identify, of supporting the extremist groups in Egypt. He did not elaborate, however.



● HH the Amir yesterday received Egypt's State Minister for Scientific Research, Dr Adel Ezz. The meeting was attended by Kuwait's Education Minister and acting Higher Education Minister, Anwar Al Nouri (left).

Egyptian minister tours university

EGYPTIAN Minister of State for Scientific Research Adel Abd El Hamid Ezz, who arrived in Kuwait on Tuesday on a four-day official visit, yesterday toured Kuwait University accompanied by the Minister of Education and acting Minister of Higher Education, Anwar Al Nouri.

During his tour, the Egyptian minister and the accompanying delegation met with the Kuwait University Rector Abdul Majeed Al Razzak and top officials at the university where they exchanged views on bilateral cooperation in the field of scientific research.

Expats

At the end of his tour, the Egyptian official exchanged with the Kuwaiti Education Minister and the university rector souvenir gifts on the occasion of his visit to the country.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Minister of Interior Major General Zaki Badr yesterday said Egyptian expatriates need great care than those inside Egypt, and

admitted difficulty of terminating extremist groups with ordinary security measures.

In an interview with Al-Seyasah, Badr said Egyptians harbor great affection to Kuwait, noting that "a large Egyptian community live in Kuwait." He added the Egyptian expatriates have never been a source of security troubles.

The minister stressed that Kuwait's internal security is part of Egypt's, noting that Cairo is ready to provide Kuwait with expertise and potentials.

In response to a question, he asserted that extremism, whether to the left or right, is the most dangerous threat to Egypt's internal security.

The minister called for collective efforts among social, religious and economic activists to wipe out the fanatics, whom he said could not be dealt with via ordinary security measures.

Badr charged foreign powers, which he did not identify, of supporting the extremist groups in Egypt. He did not elaborate, however.

Hussein, Chinese envoy discuss Gulf war

ADVISER at the Amiri Diwan, Abdul Aziz Hussein yesterday received the Chinese Ambassador to Kuwait for a discussion of the Gulf war.

Hussein said that the discussions covered the Iraq-Iran war, developments of the situation in the Arab Gulf region and results of China's reported step in supplying Iran with Silkworm missiles, some of which had hit Kuwait.

He quoted the Chinese Ambassador as saying that his country had taken all necessary precautions so that Iran would not be supplied with weapons.

Hussein noted that bilateral cultural relations and issues of mutual interest were also discussed in the meeting.

Amir of Bahrain receives Houti

MANAMA, Feb. 10. (Kuna): Amir of Bahrain Sheik Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa today received Kuwaiti Public Works Minister Abdul Rahim Al Houti, who is currently visiting Bahrain.

The Gulf News Agency (GNA) said that during the meeting, they reviewed the relations between the two countries.

The meeting was attended by Bahraini Works, Electricity and Water Minister Majed Al Habshi and Kuwaiti Ambassador in Manama Ahmed Abdulla Al Mubarak.

Bahraini Prime Minister Sheik Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa received the Kuwaiti minister and his accompanying delegation.

GNA quoted Houti as saying that his visit to Bahrain comes as part of the continuous coordination with his Bahraini counterpart on various joint projects and exchanging expertise in fields of roads construction and others.

New communications centre opened

COMMUNICATIONS Minister Abdullah Al Sharhan yesterday inaugurated new Shuaikh Centre for Post, Telegraph and Telephone services.

Al Sharhan in a brief speech, thanked the officials and the employees at the ministry for the accomplishment and organisation of this centre which is one of many that will be opened this month.

The minister and officials of the ministry inspected the centre and hoped it will provide good service for the people.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri cables

HH the Amir yesterday received a cable from the Arab Economic Association general secretary Thamer Ruzqan on the occasion of ending the work of the association's tenth conference held in Kuwait recently.

The cable included gratitude to the Amir's patronage of the conference as well as to the Kuwaiti government and people for their hospitality.

The Amir received a cable from president of the World Islamic Charity Organisation Yousef Al Haji on the occasion of ending the third meeting of the organisation's board of directors.

The cable included thanks to the Amir for supporting the organisation.

The Amir has sent reply cables thanking them.

Cable of condolences

HH the Amir yesterday sent a cable of condolences to King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia on the passing away of Prince Abdul Mohsen Bin Abdulah Bin Jelawi following a heart attack.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Call for effective action

A KUWAITI daily yesterday warned against plots aborting the popular uprising in the occupied territories and called for effective action to find a settlement to the Palestinian cause.

Al Rai Al Aam warned against the plots trying to abort the popular uprising, noting that "continuation of the revolt will change all the concepts," and that bring new unexpected changes in the area.

The daily alerted that there are already attempts by more than one party through shifty political initiatives to weaken the upheaval and prevent the stone throwers to fight for the Palestinian cause.

The paper asserted that the words and the condemnation statements "are useless" because the Palestinian tragedy is bigger than being solved by a tour made by US envoy Richard Murphy or Philip Habib.

GULF PRESS

Threats reflect Israel's fears

A UNITED Arab Emirates newspaper yesterday scoffed at renewed Israeli threats to use force to quell the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Such threats are not new, the Abu Dhabi-based Al Ittihad said in its commentary on more than two months of protests in which at least 50 Palestinians have been shot dead by Israeli troops.

It said the threats have two implications: "They reflect Israel's fear of Palestinian warnings to deploy weapons in their demonstrations and a desire to kill more Palestinians under the excuse of being forced to do so."

It said there is no surprise in those Israeli allegations.

"That is the permanent logic of Israel — it has always been the forerunner in striking and the forerunner in crying and complaining," it said.

"But we hope that the world public opinion has come to realise Israel's lies after it witnessed Zionist repression against the Palestinians," it said.

The paper indicated that the uprising would soon turn into an armed revolt.

"The uprising will not remain a stone-throwing protest while more Palestinians are falling from Israeli gunfire ... the Palestinians will soon resort to arms because there is no other alternative to defend themselves," it said.

Another daily urged the Arabs to adopt a joint stand against the United States for its unlimited support of Israel.

"Arabs should now deal with the US in a language not less powerful than the Palestinian uprising itself," Al Wadha said.

"The uprising should be a ground work for any Arab action as it proved to the whole world that separate peace deals will never pass."

Iran urged to respond to peace efforts

A UAE English language daily in its editorial urged the Iranian leadership to respond to peace efforts saying Iran could not achieve the professed aims of its revolution without an end to the Gulf war.

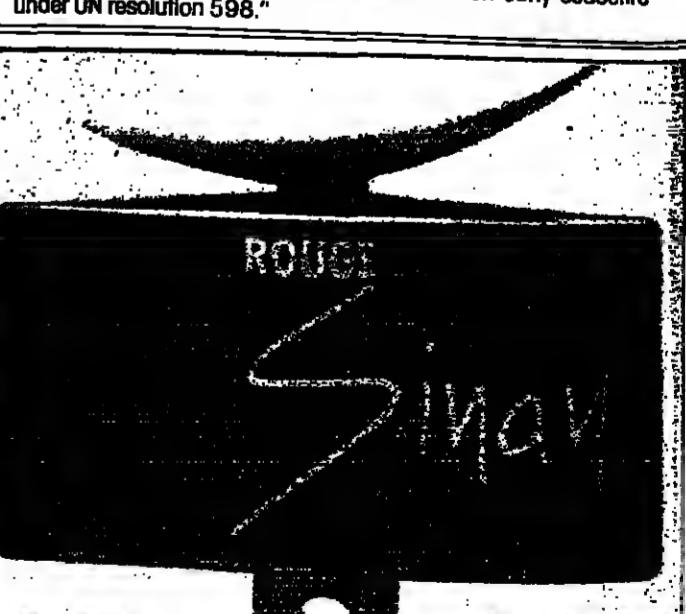
The Dubai-based Khaleej Times said "because of the long-running conflict with Iraq, which has tended to overshadow all other critical issues Iran's dilemma of reconciling political imperatives with ideological perceptions remains."

The paper said removal of legislative bottlenecks alone "will not be enough to honour the government's declared commitment to help the poor, achieve self-sufficiency and develop rural areas."

The Iraq-Iran war, it noted, is "continually sapping precious human and material resources."

"The Tehran leadership must realise that its obstructionist attitude has kept it from devoting resources to tackling the people's basic problems and ensured that Iran's entire economy remains geared to war ... rather than to the growing of more food or creating new employment opportunities for its young men and women."

The paper said Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini should use his influence to induce a national consensus on an early ceasefire under UN resolution 598."



● A new perfume "Rouge Sinan" has been created by Jean Marc Sinan. It is a subtle blend of rose, jasmin, lily of the sandalwood. The container was designed by Sinan and is a bronze of his grandfather, the grand master of Ottoman art, Building Company.

Bishara in Qatar

DOHA, Feb. 10. (Kuna): The Amir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani today received Secretary-General of GCC Yacoub Bishara.

Qatar News Agency said that Sheikh Khalifa and Bishara discussed issues of GCC states, implementation of decisions issued by the 8th session of the GCC summit held in Riyadh last December in addition to the situation in the region.

Bishara listened to Sheikh Khalifa's directions on ways of promoting the joint Gulf activities and implementing proposals of Gulf senior officials.

Sheikh Hamad returns

MANAMA, Feb. 10. (Kuna): Bahraini Crown Prince and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa returned home last night following a four-day visit to Egypt.

In Cairo Sheikh Hamad delivered a message to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak from Sheikh Issa, and conferred with Egyptian officials on means of promoting bilateral relations.

AHMAD Al Bahar of the African Muslims Committee in Kuwait has said that the charity has opened four new orphanages in Malawi and three others in Kenya. He said that the charity sponsors 4,500 orphans throughout Africa. The committee has opened a number of schools and mosques as well as two Islamic centres in Malawi.

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Balanced . . .

Jazairi said there was no reason for Middle East states to require HIV blood tests of the general population. "We have states that have tested 70,000 to 80,000 people and found not a single HIV carrier," he said.

Testing must be balanced, and depend on the degree of danger," he said.

Several Arab Gulf states require foreign workers to be tested for the virus when they request residence visas.

WHO has criticised the blanket testing of foreign tourists and

visitors, required by Iraq. But it has not made specific recommendations on how states should treat their foreign residents.

The conference, attended by health officials from 21 countries and Arab and Western experts, heard frequent calls for programmes to educate people on how AIDS spreads.

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High-table



Table Talk

BY DINAH

WITH the exception of a visiting Scottish comedian who once described the Kuwait Towers as "the biggest cruet in the world," there can be few visitors to Kuwait who have not been awestruck by their first sight of the futuristic symbol of this new city. From the ground or from out at sea the Towers are an inspiring space-age image, especially when illuminated at night. They, in turn, offer a breathtaking panoramic view of the city, coast and sea from either the observation platform, restaurant or cafe at the top of the largest tower. Certainly one shouldn't leave Kuwait without enjoying the spectacular view while eating a snack in Le Cafe or a meal in the Horizon restaurant.

From 12.30 pm the Horizon restaurant offers a three course lunch buffet. If you get there early you can be sure of a window seat, but every table in the restaurant has a good view. As everyone is busy gazing out over the city while they eat, the decor is of secondary importance, but it is nevertheless tastefully done in dusky shades of pink and blue. The black, domed, speckled ceiling creates a planetarium-like atmosphere and the buffet table is arranged around a reassuringly massive central pillar.

The range and quality of the salad buffet certainly equals that of some of the top restaurants in Kuwait. Everything was beautifully fresh and tasty. In addition to all the usual mezze and salads, there were some original creations such as a delightful "salad" of potatoes, grapes, chicken, pineapple and red peppers or a goat's cheese salad topped with zatar and anabousies. There were also delicacies such as creamed avocado, smoked salmon and Gulf prawns as well as a, tasty

lentil and rice salad with a crunchy onion topping. Hot khubz was served at the table.

By contrast the hot dishes were a complete disappointment. All of them had the appearance, consistency and flavour of food that had been prepared many hours before and reheated. Most of the dishes we tried were luke-warm, which was not improved by the fact that the plates were unheated. The mixed grill consisted of leathery pieces of meat or you could try a long-dead beef casserole. The hamour in saffron sauce did not live up to its name, being bland, floury and stone-cold. There was an okra and meat stew which was quite tasty, but contained indigestible, hard, broad beans. The khubz and fragrant buriyani were the best of the hot dishes but, surprisingly, no dukkhan (tomato sauce) was available — when we inquired we were offered ketchup or tabasco!

Fortunately the desserts were of a much higher standard, the only exception being a very dry ginger cake. The rest of the gateaux were moist and fresh, there was an excellent cheese cake and a strawberry concoction with the texture of clouds. There was a wide range of traditional Arabic desserts as well as profiteroles and choux pastry filled with coffee cream.

The staff at the Towers are very helpful but there are too few people actually waiting at tables, whereas the management seem to think it necessary to employ two hostesses to show you to your table, in addition to a head waiter to ask you if you're enjoying your meal!

The cost of the basic buffet is KD 5 per head, but beware of extras such as soft drinks, water and coffee, which are all charged as extras. Our total bill came to KD 12.600, which is expensive compared with other buffets around Kuwait where the hot dishes are at least edible.

However, it's certainly worth eating at the Towers for the view alone and the salads and desserts do provide a satisfying meal.

RESTAURANT: The Kuwait Tower's Horizon Restaurant. **MEAL:** Three course lunch buffet. **PRICE:** KD 12.600 (for two). **STAR RATING (out of five):** FOOD: ★ ★ ★ SERVICE: ★ ★ ★ ATMOSPHERE: ★ ★ ★ VALUE FOR MONEY: ★ ★

PRAYERS

Fajr	5.10 am
Zohr	12.02
Asr	3.11 pm
Maghreb	5.34
Isha	6.53

FRIDAY

Fajr	5.09 am
Friday Prayer	12.02
Asr	3.12 pm
Maghreb	5.35
Isha	6.53

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Al Nimir Wal Uns (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

Al Salmiya
The Living Daylights
Starring: Timothy Dalton

Al Hamra
My Science Project
Starring: Jaber Stockwell, Daniel Van Zirnik

Drive-In
Al Nimir Wal Uns (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

Al Firdous
Mard Ki Zaban (Hindi)
Starring: Dhamendra, Poonam Dhillon

Fahaseel Open-Air
Param Dharam (Hindi)
Starring: Mithun Chakraborty

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait	Al Ameen Pharmacy
Al Sharqiyah Pharmacy	Mawaslat Bldg., Hilal St.
Al Loof Pharmacy	nr. Dassman Complex, Ahmad Al Jaber St.
Hawalli and Nogra	Al Haditha Pharmacy
Al Hadiitha Pharmacy	Othman Complex, Bin Khaldoun St.
Salimiyah and Rumaihiya	Ibn Nafis Pharmacy
Ibn Nafis Pharmacy	Moumoud, Khalifa Bldg., Ahmad Al Mubarak St.
Fahaseel and Ahmadi	Al Burgan Pharmacy
Al Burgan Pharmacy	Souk Sabah, F'heel
Jeeb Al Shiyookh	Al Ayoub Pharmacy
Al Ayoub Pharmacy	Shuwaikh Commercial Centre, Main St.
Jahra	Al Khalid Pharmacy
Al Khalid Pharmacy	Opp. Cooperative Society

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00	Holy Quran
9.15	Cartoons
10.00	Fi Ribah Tarbiyah: an educational programme presented by Jassim Al Ghareeb.
11.00	Songs
11.30	Islam Wal Insaan: religious programme, hosted by Dr Abdul Suboor Al Shahin.
12.00	Ma Da'a Wa Anhama: "Min Akhbar Jahan": Arabic serial, part 5: starring Sheza Salam, Khalil Rifa'i, Mohammad Hussain Abdul Rahim.
1.00	News Summary
1.20	World News via Satellite
2.15	Holy Quran/Closedown
2.30	FRIDAY
9.00	Holy Quran
9.30	Children's Magazine
10.00	News Summary
10.05	World News via Satellite
10.20	Hikayat Min Alam: Stories from Around the World.
11.00	Prophet's Saying: religious programme
11.15	Friday Prayer
12.15	Min Wahi Al Ayat Al Bayanat: religious serial.
2.30	KTV 2
3.00	Holy Quran
3.10	Sports Studio: Big League Soccer, American basketball and sports magazine
3.30	INTERVAL
3.45	With Islam: hosted by Dr Khalid Al Madhikur
4.00	News Summary
4.15	The Saint: Roger Moore plays the dehanchi detective, Simon Templar.
5.25	Maktabat Al Wa Hina: children's programme
6.00	Alwan: presented by Rola Faraa
7.00	News Summary
7.05	Show Jumping presented by Ali Hamdi
7.30	Mathfoum Ayesha Farban: Arabic serial. Starring: Sayeda Kawari, Basmah Hamada, Huda Hamada, Hilal Mubarak.
8.30	With Islam: hosted by Dr Khalid Al Madhikur
9.00	News in Arabic
10.00	From People's Art
10.25	Imra'a Min Nair: Arabic feature film, starring Yunus Shaabani, Safiya Al Omani, Ahmad Rateb, Aziza Rashed.
12.00	Late Night Variety



Roger Moore plays Simon Templar in The Saint, on KTV 1 today.

WHAT'S ON

THEATRE

Kuwait Little Theatre (KLT), Ahmadi, will hold auditions for the Summer Musical at its premises at 7.30 pm on Feb 16 and 19. Backstage helpers also needed. For further details contact 3985246 after 3 pm.

Kuwait Players-Auditions

Final casting for the play Stepping Out, directed by Ken Winston, takes place at Universal American School at 3 pm on Feb 11, Thursday. One more non-dancing role for an actress who can play the piano. Those interested attend auditions or call Ken Winston — 5385075 or Glenis producer, 5730641.

Kuwait Players

"Do Not Disturb," an adult comedy written by Michael Periwitz will be performed at 8 pm on Feb 22, 23, 24 and 25 at the Universal American School. For reservations ring 5613465; 5745838; 5618244. Tickets will also be available at the door.

CINEMA

British Council
The Young Sherlock Holmes and the Pyramid of Fear, a Steven Spielberg production, will be shown on Feb 13/14 at 6.30 pm in the British Council in Mansouriyah. Duration: 105 minutes.

Two children's films — Five

Show: hosted by Anzina Al Sharabi

1.30 News Summary

1.35 World News via Satellite

2.15 Holy Quran/Closedown

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12.15 Holy Quran/Closedown

7.00 News Summary

7.10 Kul Al Funoon: hosted by Rasha Magdi.

7.15 Weekly Seminar

9.00 News in Arabic

10.00 Wrestling

10.45 Songs and Music

11.00 Qulub Eind Al Marasi: ep. 6, Arabic play featuring Maryam Al Saleh, Huda Hussain, Ibrahim Al Harbi. A social series on the role of the family in Kuwait and Bahrain.

11.50 News Summary

11.55 World News Via Satellite

12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

3.00 Holy Quran

3.10 Sports Studio: Big League Soccer, American basketball and sports magazine

3.30 INTERVAL

3.45 Preview of next week's programme on KTV

3.55 Hadith Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Muhammad Mutwalli Sharawi.

4.00 Ashan Ayun Saadeh: Arabic play, starring: Mubarak Ridha, Fatima Tabac, Samir Husni.

A bachelor rents a flat and falls in love with the owner's daughter.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Max Headroom: 20 minutes into the future, and Carter has a challenging job: to expose a former TV producer.

9.30 Bill Cosby Show: "The Marks."

Theo's planned holiday turns sour when he finds out that he has done well at school.

10.00 Paul Daniels Magic Show

10.30 Late Night Movie: "Bye from Oklahoma." Starring: Will Rogers Jr., Nancy Olson. In this Western comedy-drama, Rogers plays a quiet, peace-loving sheriff of a town called Blue Rock, which is run by a group of desperados. Duration: 88 minutes.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

3.00 Holy Quran

3.10 Sports Studio: round-up of world and local sporting events.

6.00 She Ra — Princess of Power: "Magic-Cats" Cartoons.

6.30 Alfie: "A Piece of Cake". Alfie's brother visits a group of young boys, including Bobby, a millionaire's son, who is kidnapped.

7.00 Ragin' Riches: "Bad Blood". Alfie's brother visits a group of young boys, including Bobby, a millionaire's son, who is kidnapped.

7.30 Splitting Image

8.00 News in English

8.40 Breaking Away

9.05 Matlock: "The Professor."

A professor who

commits a series of

crimes with the help

of his students. Is he

guilty or not guilty?

Mallock takes up his

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

LOVE truth, but pardon error — Voltaire, French writer (1694-1778)

Getting the story is seldom easy

By Greg Myre

JOHANNESBURG, (AP): In a country where the media faces constant obstacles, no one has it tougher than South Africa's black journalists.

Yet they consistently produce some of the most detailed reporting on the complex situation in this deeply divided country, and play an increasingly prominent role in the anti-apartheid movement.

Several journalists have been among the thousands of black activists detained during a 19-month-old state of emergency. Free-lance journalist Brian Sokutu has been held the entire period without charge.

The government also has threatened to close leading black-oriented newspapers, but they continue to direct harsh criticism at the white authorities.

Prominent

"Since there are limited outlets for black expression in South Africa, black journalists play a particularly important role in articulating black aspirations and frustrations," said Keith Lister, the white publisher of the City Press.

Black journalists make up virtually the entire staff of black-oriented — but white-owned — newspapers such as City Press and the Sowetan. A handful of blacks have prominent editing and writing posts at "white" newspapers like the Star of Johannesburg, the nation's largest daily and a frequent government critic.

However, numerous attempts over the years to establish nationally circulated, black-owned publications have failed, usually for financial reasons.

Until the 1970s, blacks wrote almost exclusively for black publications that focused on the black scene and sports, and had little political content.

Only in the past two decades have mass-circulation black publications become overtly political and regularly challenged the white-led government's apartheid policies of racial segregation.

"Our young reporters now consider themselves black first and journalists second," said Aggrey Klaaste, editor of the Sowetan. "They see their works part of the political struggle in South Africa."

Like all South African journalists, black reporters are bound by the extensive press restrictions and state of emergency regulations that limit reporting on unrest, security force actions and a host of politically sensitive.

Suharto sure to win

By Ruth Youngblood

Suharto, who has strong backing from the military, will be President for more than quarter of a century.

He has been in charge since quashing a communist-backed coup attempt in 1965 and deposing Indonesia's first President, Sukarno. No one disputes Suharto's accomplishments in stabilizing and running this former Dutch colony of 13,000 islands and 173 million people. He calls himself "bapak," meaning father, as in "the father of development."

But even avid Suharto supporters hope a number of long-serving and ageing ministers will make way for younger ones in the cabinet reshuffle expected after the election.

Long regarded as the sleeping giant of Southeast Asia, Indonesia is emerging as a newly industrialized nation with a strategic position commanding sea lanes between the Indian and Pacific Oceans. Its vast natural resources include oil, gas, rubber, tin, timber and palm oil.

"Indonesia's strength as the largest country in Southeast Asia is of prime importance to the region's stability," said US Ambassador Paul Wolfowitz. "And its economic success has contributed greatly to the striking dynamism of the Pacific basin."

With American companies having invested \$4 billion in Indonesia, Wolfowitz said, "economic and political ties are becoming ever more intertwined."

Helped by the oil boom of the 1970s and foreign aid, Suharto is proud of bringing the nation to self-sufficiency in rice production and of improvements in health and education.

Credit not given

SIR: I wrote an article on the American feature film, *The Conqueror*, which KTV2 showed on Feb 4. Surprisingly, the Arab Times used the information without giving me the credit. A beautiful still from the film which showed John Wayne and Susan Hayward was also ignored, instead using another photograph of Wayne from *The Barbarian and the Geisha*.

The Conqueror made in 1956, was produced and directed by Dick Powell and released through RKO Pictures. John Wayne played Temujin, better known as Genghis Khan; Susan Hayward was Bortai; Pedro Armendariz and William Conrad played Temujin's brothers and Agnes Moorehead played his mother. Ted de Corsia was Susan Hayward's father and Lee Van Cleef played a Mongol soldier.

All Behbehani, Hawaii.

Editor's Note: The photograph supplied was a poor photocopy, which could not be used. The article, which Mr Ali claims to have written, is the second paragraph of this letter and did not deserve credit.

Parents in trouble

SIR: Some parents, who wanted to get their children admitted to the Carmel School for the 1988/89 academic year, were disappointed due to the school authority's decisions.

The school had specifically asked parents to submit birth certificates and put up a notice saying "Children born before Sept 30, 1984" would be accepted for the Lower KG class. The children were to take an admission test. After the test, the authorities refused to admit some of the children who had "done well" under the pretext that they were overage.

The authorities had never said a child would not be admitted if he or she was above a certain age. This sudden turn of events caused lots of trouble to the dejected parents. I'd like to know why the school did not specify the age limit before taking the test?

A parent, (Name and address supplied)

Highly taxing

SIR: The government's decision to charge KD 10 per year to renew residence permits

has placed considerable strain on expatriate families with children holding separate passports. For instance, to renew residence permit for a family of three children costs about KD 200. This is highly taxing for the low-income group. I request the authorities to review the policy and withdraw fees for non-working foreigners, such as housewives, children and students.

Abu Baker, Khatian.

Inadequate bus service

SIR: The KPTC bus service between Fahabeel and Mina Al Zoor is inadequate. Buses ply at about 40 minute interval. For instance, a bus leaves for Mina Al Zoor, via Mina Abdullah, at 5.55 am. The next bus that arrives only at about 6.35 am is already overcrowded, leaving no room for passengers from Fahabeel. A large number of commuters are finding it difficult to reach their offices or work sites on time. I request the KPTC authority to review the situation and increase the number of buses on Route 205.

Christy G. Gnanapragajam
Mina Abdullah

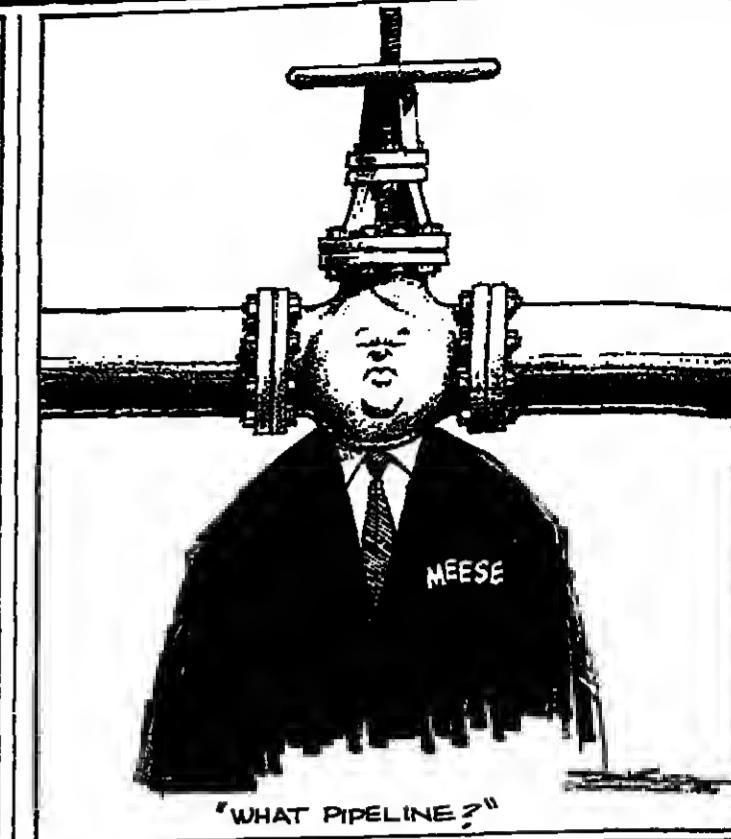


Tanker war

SIR: The unabated tanker war might have devastating consequences due to possible oil spills. Many Gulf states are dependent on sea water desalination, involving huge efforts and money. Instead of protecting and preserving nature's gift of water, man is destroying it to prove that "man is the destroyer par excellence."

James P. Charles, Safat.

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Rajiv aides debate merit of snap polls

By Rajendra Bajpal

NEW DELHI, (Reuters): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, battered last year by scandal and poor election results, looks like a winner again and heartened advisors are thinking about mid-term polls.

Rajiv lost a series of state elections last year and his hold on north India's Hindi heartland, a major stronghold of his Congress(I) party, appeared weakening.

But his party won in Nagaland last November and last week dislodged a well-entrenched communist government from another small north-eastern state, Tripura.

Congress also appeared set to form a coalition government in Meghalaya state near Tripura although it failed to retain its majority.

Opposition leaders said Rajiv is being urged by some advisers to call a snap poll in the hope the party would keep its majority in Parliament, although perhaps nothing like the three-fourths of the lower house it now controls.

Opposed

Muralidhar Bhandare, a Congress(I) Member of Parliament, is opposed to mid-term national elections, but he said he would favour a snap ballot if the party won in Tamil Nadu.

"Meghalaya and Tripura are very important but they are not national indicators," he said. "But we have to adjust to changing circumstances and unless there is a landslide victory in Tamil Nadu I think we should not have mid-term elections."

Although Rajiv has said he does not favour mid-term polls, the debate continues.

Advani said he believed Rajiv would not seek a new mandate now but added: "I do hedge my statement by saying anything is possible."

An opinion poll published by Sunday magazine of Calcutta showed a big majority of people in five cities in the Hindi heartland believed prices of essential commodities had risen sharply in the past one year.

In four of the five cities a majority said corruption had increased during Rajiv's rule, although few believed he himself was corrupt.

Yet, in two cities more than 50 per cent and in the remaining more than 40 per cent said they would vote for the Congress against an opposition alliance.

Puzzle intrigues Britain

By Marcus Ellason

LONDON, (AP): When the body of a young nuclear lab technician was found halfway down a cliff in western England, it came as a jolting reminder to some Britons of a puzzle that has intrigued the nation for 16 months.

There has been a baffling string of deaths, suicides and disappearances of scientists working on defence-related projects.

Was it coincidence or conspiracy?

Nothing has surfaced to suggest that it is more than just a bizarre chain of events. And there is no known information linking the latest death to the previous ones.

Secret

Police began searching for 23-year-old Russell Smith in mid-January after he vanished from his parent's home, where he lived. He had previously asked for a day off from his job at the Atomic Energy Authority (AEA) in Harwell, 80 kilometres (50 miles) west of London.

Last week, police found Smith's car, containing a note, at a cliff-top parking lot at Boscombe.

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Museum needed to preserve contributions of one-time greats

Stars of yesteryear fade into oblivion

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

from conditions of abject poverty to the highest place in his realm.

Surprisingly, this champion of the Tamil people was neither born in Tamil Nadu nor belonged to that language. He came from a Malayalam-speaking family of Sri Lanka. His father, Gopala Menon, was a magistrate and professor in Kandy, where M.G.R. was born on 17 January 1917. But within two years he lost his father and the burden of bringing up two sons fell on his mother, Satyabhamma. She migrated to Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu and took up odd jobs. Amidst hunger and suffering, M.G.R. learnt the Tamil alphabet in a village school.

At the age of seven, due to his good looks, he got a job in a drama company. Thereafter followed many years of struggle and harassment which taught him a few lessons, till he got major roles and popular acclaim.

While taking an active part in the politics of the struggle for freedom and becoming a follower of Mahatma Gandhi and Annadurai, the stage actor drif-



Surendra (left) with Noorjehan in Mehboob's 'Ammol Ghadi.' As stars like Dilip Kumar and Raj Kapoor caught Mehboob's fancy, he receded into character roles.

ted to cinema. After some more struggles he emerged as the most popular hero and the darling of the down-trodden masses. In real life, too, he did a lot to help the poor and lowly, especially women who adored him as their noble protector.

That's why his own production banner 'Emgeeyar Pictures' had 'yaar' or friend tagged on to it. All his films had

dialogue and songs which preached the D.M.K. ideology of equality, upliftment and the fight against oppression. They got thunderous applause. In actual practice, he helped countless causes and the common advice to the needy people was: "Go to M.G.R. he will help."

All this prepared the ground for his political ascent and when the time came, he was voted to

power with a massive mandate. And he continued to be Chief Minister till his death though in his last years, he had even lost his power of speech.

M.G.R. was not considered a good actor but he acted in dozens of his films. Only a few of them were dubbed in Hindi, so that the all-India audience could see him in action. But they proved failures and M.G.R. could never become a national figure. In the cinema of the South he has left a permanent mark, with his 140 popular films made between 1950 and 1978, after which he stopped acting. He also kept up his carefully cultivated image of a hero who never smoked or drank, always remained loyal to one woman, safeguarded all others and respected the mother figure. He never died on



The late villain Jeevan with comedian Dhumal who died recently.

the screen as his fans would not accept it. And when he really died, several people committed suicide.

Popular

Many popular actors of Hindi films also went into eternal sleep. Anwar Hussain, elder brother of Nargis Dutt and son of Jaddanhai used to act from his childhood. He became a hero for some time in A.R. Kardar's films, after which he took to character acting, especially as a villain. His most memorable role came in Zia Sarhadi's "Humlog," as the petty thief who betrays his close friend and commits suicide.

Another successful villain was Jeevan, who started life in the early talkies. When his career got a setback, he began to play Narad Muni in mythological films and became popular with his "Narayan Narayan." Then, Mannohar Desai again resurrected him as a villain. Now his son Kiran Kumar is continuing the tradition.

Both Anwar and Jeevan suffered a long illness, as invalids, in their last years. Similarly, Surendra who was once a famous singer and actor, also lingered before his demise last year. Tall and handsome Surendra Naib arrived from Punjab and was at once hailed as Bombay's answer to Calcutta's Sengal. The famous "Devdas" role of the doomed lover had made Saigal a matinee idol. So Mehboob Khan made "Mamman" with Surendra in a similar role and it clicked.

He played many important roles in those early days, like the good son in *Amar* later played by Rajendra Kumar in *Mother India*. Surendra's golden hour came with Mehboob's slick romantic films with excellent music by Naushad. The highlight was *Ammol Ghadi* where Surendra was in a similar role and it clicked.

Soon, younger actors like Dilip Kumar and Raj Kapoor caught Mehboob's fancy and Surendra receded into character acting followed by retirement. Even his soft voice was not used in playback, as it would not suit the changed image of the hero. He fell neglected and died a broken-hearted man. Actress Meena



The charismatic M.G.R. (left) in the dubbed Hindi film 'Rang De Duniya' — in spite of his immense popularity in the South, he never became a national figure.

Shorey also passed away after a spell of sickness and suffering last year. She has remained famous as the fat *lara lappa* girl of *Ek Thi Ladki*. But actually she started her career in the thirties in Sohrab Modi's films like *Sikander* as a charming heroine. After some years she turned to comedy with *Roop K. Shorey's* films. Then she migrated to Pakistan where she worked for a few years, till her death.

Among other talents snatched away by 1987, were writer Inder Raj Anand, lyricists Rajinder Krishan, S.H. Bihari and Faroque Kaiser, composers Sbankar and Jaidev, directors Khwaja Ahmed Abbas, John Abraham and Kedar Kapoor and of course above all there was the versatile Kishore Kumar.

Behind the Screen

Amrish Puri's ad-lib, *Mogambo khush hua* (mogambo is happy) in *Mogambo* has become extremely popular. People give it different twists for applying to different situations. But Amrish himself was caught on the wrong foot, when he lost his temper and slapped a municipal worker who was spraying pesticides near his house. A case was made and Amrish had to report to the police station. The workers took out a procession against him and some of them shouted: *Mogambo khush nahi hua*.

Chunky would have become a star much before *Aag Hi Aag*. He was tested for the role of the cop which Mohan Bhandari later played in the super hit *Pratighat*. But director N. Chandra told him that it was a small film and may not run. So it was better if he started with a big film. Yet, in a way, it also proved true as Bhandari has not gained much from *Pratighat* while Chunky has become a star after *Aag Hi Aag*, and now Chandra has also taken him in *Tezaz* as a big star.

Shahana Azmi considers herself so busy that she did not agree to take part in a seminar on censorship though it was jointly held by two Delhi ministries. Not only did she refuse but she even had the cheek to suggest that her writer-husband Javed should be invited in her place. The authorities turned it down as Javed is the promoter of violent films and the seminar was meant to suggest stricter censorship for them. So poor Javed lost face.

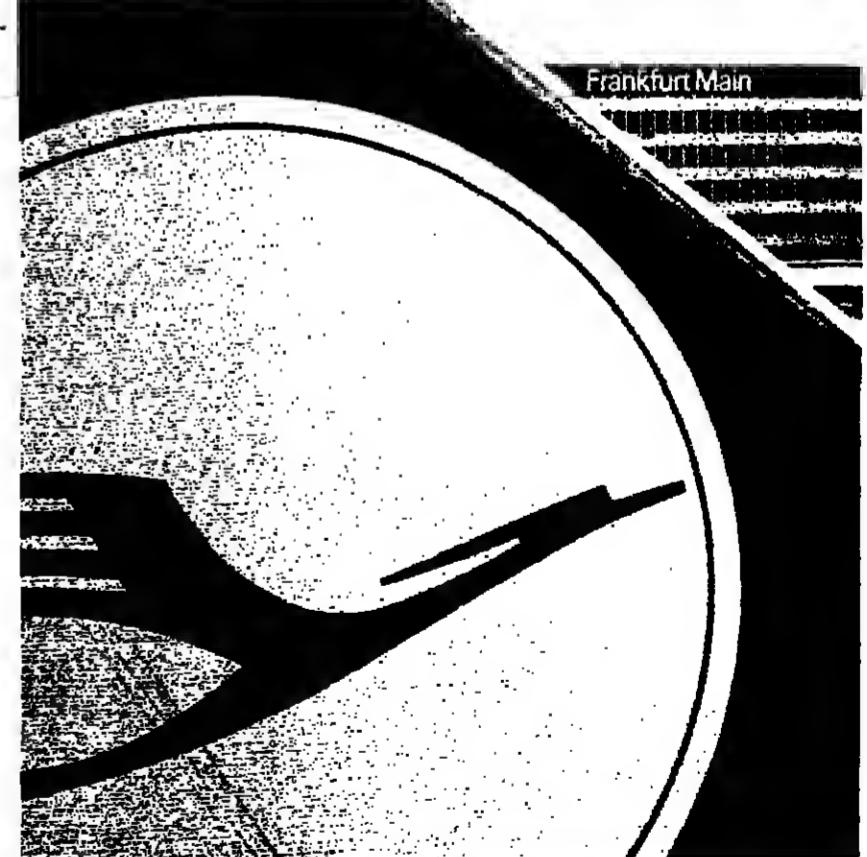
Nobody knows about the fate of new film *Raasta* starring Dilip, Mithun, and Sri Devi. It was lavishly launched with great fanfare. But soon it was heard that Dilip Kumar was having differences with director Bapuji about camera angles and character etching. It seems a repetition of the old story about clashes with director Asit Sen in the *Bairas* days. And what about *Aag Ka Dariya* directed by Rajendra Singh, which has been lying incomplete for years, though it has the exciting combination of Dilip and Rekha?

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Dilip Kumar: creating problems for directors

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Meena Shorey, the *Lara Lappa* girl in *Ek Thi Ladki* who died last year.

By Raju Gopalakrishnan

NEW DELHI, India, (AP): A television series depicting the bloody rioting that marked the division of the subcontinent 41 years ago has provoked violent demonstrations and a court suit demanding the show be stopped.

The Saturday-night series *Tamas — Darkness in Hindi* recreates the turbulent era in which an estimated 500,000 people were killed in riots between Hindus and Muslims as India and Pakistan gained independence from Britain in 1947.

The creation of Muslim Pakistan and Hindu-majority India also sparked the largest migration in history. More than 11 million people fled from one country to the other to escape bloodshed.

Tamas uses the partition and rioting as the backdrop in its story about the people of a north Indian town in 1947. The six-part film, which began Jan. 9, seems disturbingly affecting, as evidenced by the reaction.

In the city of Hyderabad last week, police opened fire to scatter a mob attacking a television station showing the serial. Three demonstrators were wounded by gunfire, and three others hurt in a club-swinging charge by police.

A similar demonstration in New Delhi earlier left eight people injured by police clubs. Both protests were led by Hindu groups who complain that the show could rekindle past violence.

"*Tamas* will reopen old wounds," says Kedar Nath Sabri, vice president of the pro-Hindu Bharatiya Janata party. He also says the show gives the impression that Hindu groups incited the violence.

"Hundreds of thousands of Hindus who have seen partition will feel that the government is trying to blame them for the violence," he says.

Criticised

Others complain that the programme on government television — which controls all TV programming in India — could upset the country's fragile religious fabric.

In India tensions between Hindus and Muslims often erupt into violence. More than 175 people died in Hindu-Muslim battles in north India last year.

Eleven percent of India's 780 million people are Muslims, and 82 percent are Hindus.

Government television has been criticised for previous

Om Puri and Deepa Sahi: victims of hatred

serials, including the long-running *Ramayana*, which is based on a 2,600-year-old Hindu epic. Critics estimate that 100 million people have watched the *Ramayana*, and it has led to "a burst of neo-Hinduism." The show itself has not prompted any violence.

Nirmal Goswami, a television critic for the India Post newspaper, said of the *Tamas* series that "the carnage of partition is a deep wound in the Indian mind" and that the series' director, Govind Nihalani has reopened it.

He said India's millions of television viewers are "not likely to be amused by the whiplash of realism that *Tamas* pretends to portray."

"How are Muslims and Hindus in the small towns going to countenance the religious provocations which emanate from the film?" he asks. "It is entirely possible that the tolerance limits of these people have been grossly overestimated."

"Our trial memory rarely goes to sleep. It's forever awake, restless, suspicious, waiting for a little sign, a sound, a symbol to uncoil itself and plunge into a frenzy of crime,"

Goswami said. Last month, Javed Siddiqui, a Muslim businessman, made a similar argument in petitioning the Bombay high court to ban the show.

The serial is bound to revive the sad memories of both communities ... to poison the minds of the younger generation, to think and feel in terms of Hindus and Muslims being opponents and enemies of each other," he said.

But the court thought otherwise, ruling that "*Tamas* is in equal part against fundamentalism and extremists of both communities. The message is loud and clear, directed as it is against the sickness of communalism."

The Supreme Court upheld that judgement. People in Bombay also demonstrated in favour of the show, and a youth group in Andhra Pradesh state gave its national integration award to director Nihalani and the show's writer, Bhisham Sahni.

Muslim Parliament member Syed Shahabuddin also is in favour of the show, saying sectarian brutality must be exposed before steps can be taken to counter it.

"There is a basic goodness in

people. Their consciences will awaken when brutality is presented before them," he says. "I am all for exposure."

Shahabuddin feels that fears about showing religious violence to a mass audience are overplayed.

"Why do people think the public will only remember the scenes of violence?" he says. "The scenes of Hindus and Muslims from religious fanatics and vice versa can leave a stronger impression on the mind."

Director Nihalani justifies *Tamas* with the message that is flashed before each episode: "Those who forget history are condemned to repeat it."

Nihalani, surrounded by bodyguards after he received threatening telephone calls, said he has always wanted to make a film on partition. The bearded director was an assistant in the filming of *Gandhi*, much of which dealt with the same subject.

"*Tamas* will not create any kind of communal tension," Nihalani said. "The basic thrust has been to emphasise the desire of the common man to live peacefully and help each other regardless of community and religion."

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OUR recent TV Poll showed that Falcon Crest was by far the most popular programme on KTV and I started to wonder why this was so. I mean, the story is so utterly absurd... By the time you read this, the Wednesday night edition will have appeared, so I may be out of date already... but take Chase Gioberti for example.

In the past year, he has been shot, paralysed for life, hobble-dled about on crutches for a couple of weeks, his wife's been raped, his son emigrated to Australia after his daughter in law was killed in a plane crash, son remarried to a loony who divorced him and remarried her first husband. Chase himself is in the midst of a divorce, has fought and won a major election, fought countless lawsuits against his Auntie Angela and his wife went blind, had a brain tumour survived by the skin of her teeth, had a baby and a love affair with his half brother and last week maybe got drowned but they haven't found his body yet and nobody ever dies permanently so don't worry about it too much yet the highlight may pop up in one of the underwater programmes any day now.

I thought I'd had a pretty rough year, but compared to Chase nothing much has happened to me in my entire life!

About the only believable character in the whole series is Melissa simply because it's all driven her mad. What is amazing is that the writers have assembled a cast of the most handsome and beautiful swines on the face of the earth and then let them at each other's throats week after week.

Look at Angela Channing, if she was Reagan's first wife it certainly explains a lot about American Foreign Policy.

doesn't it, and if Naoey replaced her just think what sort of a lady Nancy must be to get away with it? I think Granny Angela is certifiably insane and in any reasonable society would have been locked out of harm's way years ago.

Let's look at an average episode, you won't see this one on your screens for a while, but I promise that sooner or later it

Sparrow Crest

By Keith Wells

will get to Kuwait.

Scene One: Sparrow Crest, enormous house filled with flowers and bottles of California chow. Enter Angela.

"Yes, Mr Channing?" Chow Lee, bring me the papers to have Maggie committed to the insane asylum. Richard Channing convicted of murder and Chase drowned in a vat of champagne.

"Enter Saint Maggie, 'Hello boys, which one of you is my husband this week?'

"Gee, Maggie, I dunno," says Chase, looking troubled, which is his best expression.

"Not me, we don't have our affair till next Wednesday," teers Lance with an arrogant sneer, which is his best expression.

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"A car crash for Lance?"

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CUT

Scene Two: Lance is talking to Chase Gioberti.

"Well Chase, I've got a problem."

"So have I, Lance, I'm not sure if I'm dead or not."

"Don't worry Chase, but listen, you've got to help me, should I drive the pink Porsche, the blue Porsche or the purple Porsche?"

"Gee, that's tough Lance, how about the red Ferrari, the yellow Ferrari or the green Ferrari?" Enter Richard Channing wearing long legs and driving a black limousine fifteen metres long with smoked black windows. Hi fellas, have you seen Angela?"

"No, why?"

"I just hired a hitman to put six tarantulas in her bed, but the poor little spiders took one look at her and they all ran away. Guess I'll have to think of something else."

The Chief Surgeon says, "This is very serious, we've got this expensive medical set all

built and ready to go, and so far this week nobody's been sick enough to use it. What are we going to do? The junior doctors all start making suggestions:

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Scene Three: Enter Melissa, looking sultry, she stops in front of the camera, slowly her sultry look changes to a mad look and then she smashes a glass and runs away.

"Gee!"

Scene Four: A beautiful mysterious stranger, dressed in furs, feathers and folderol, and played by some aging film star with a face lift so tight her skin squeaks, drives up to Sparrow Crest in a white cadillac, gets out, clutching an envelope. She rings the doorbell, Chow Lee, writes across the floor, claws open the door and gasps "Heuk, heuk, aarrgh!"

Beautiful, mysterious stranger smiles, hands him the envelope, then leaves him to get on with his heart attack while she gets back into the white cadillac and drives away. Emma waves to her as she leaves.

FADE OUT

Scene Five: The intensive care unit at the hospital. The doctors are looking very worried.

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THE thing that disturbs me the most about the Republican race for President is how hostile the candidates are toward each other.

In order to convince voters that they are worthy of occupying the White House the candidates are distancing themselves from the President and using Ronald Reagan's mistakes to show why new blood is needed in Washington.

This is the way it seems to go every time I see the six GOP contenders on television.

"What do you think of the deficit, and if you became President what would you do about it?"

"I'm appalled by the waste and pork and cannot understand how anyone in his right mind could get us into such a mess."

"Do you blame Ronald Reagan for the huge debt?"

"No, I don't. But I do blame the people around him who never told him anything about it. That's why I want to be elected — so no one will pull the wool over a mediocre President's eyes again."

"Do you believe a Vice-President should warn his President when the chief is practicing voodoo economics?"

The Art Buchwald Column

Hail to somebody

"No, because there is nothing wrong with voodoo economics if done in moderation."

"I think the Vice-President should come clean with what he advised the President to do on the deficit and when he advised him to do it."

"All I can say is I gave the President the best advice he ever had, but I would never tell the public what it was."

"Did you tell the President to exchange the Stealth bomber and 100 MX missiles for hostages in Iran?"

"As Vice President I have no intention of revealing what I said to the President. Sure, he's made a lot of mistakes — but who hasn't? I'm not going to criticise him just because he is a lame duck. And while I'm on the subject I would like to see the senator's tax returns for the last 10 years so we know what kind of blind trust his wife has been in."

"Spoken like a true wimp. You wouldn't know a good INF treaty if you saw one. That's the trouble with being Vice President. You have had no experience on how to run a government."



your notes on what you and the President said to Lyn Nofziger."

"Gentlemen, can I just say something? While you are arguing about Iran and blind trusts, the dollar is falling. I know who is responsible for the fall. His initials are R.R."

"Let's get on to the INF treaty with the Soviets. It's a bad treaty, and speaking as a Republican and a friend who has always admired the President, I say Ronald Reagan should be impeached for signing it."

"As Vice President I say there is nothing wrong with the treaty. Sure, it's flawed, but so is Sen. Dole's thinking on soybean reform. I've asked the senator to produce his financial records, and all he wants to do is impeach the President."

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"Get off my back, because I'm liable to shoot a Silkworm missile over your bow."

"Why did you say that?"

"I always get an applause when I use it in my speeches. I think we should talk about schools."

"I'm for good schools."

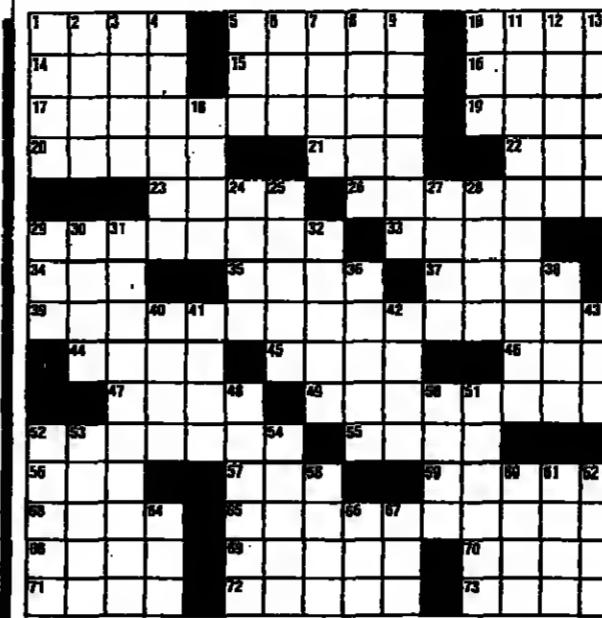
"So am I."

"I think when kids go to good schools they learn to read and write."

"The Republican Party must start anew. Do we want the old, tired ways of Bush and Reagan? The answer is no. We must reach out to the grass roots and have them tell our leaders. Washington does not understand America. We have to get rid of those who work inside the Beltway and replace them with those of us who live at Trump Towers in Council Bluffs, Iowa."

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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Opening lead: Three of ♠

When we were learning to play bridge, we had dozens of "rules" drummed into us. As we progressed, we learned to forget those bromides and treat each case individually. But old habits die hard, as this hand from the final of Britain's premier competition, the Gold Cup, illustrates vividly.

North-South were playing weak no trump opening bids; hence, South's one diamond. We don't understand West's urgency to get into the auction at the two-level with his ratty club suit. North's jump to three diamonds was a limit raise, and South naturally converted to three no trump.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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LESS ENVY EMMER

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
BRIDGE BY ROTE

"Fourth-best from your longest and strongest," goes the old saw, and West dutifully tabled the three of clubs. It did not take declarer long to rake in one club trick, five diamonds and three hearts to make his game.

True, even on this auction there are a few situations where the lead of a low club might gain, but not many. Any time the club suit is vital and neither declarer nor dummy has four cards in the suit, West can bring it in by first leading a high club. Since he has a sure entry with the ace of spades, he can then decide how to continue.

The lead of the king of clubs would have had a devastating effect here. One glance at dummy would have been enough to convince West of the futility of continuing the suit, and the shift to a low spade would have been obvious. That would have permitted the defenders to collect the first seven tricks.



THE WIZARD OF ID



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 19)

You will bear something very much to your liking. You should make sure you do not miss some vital detail. Try exercising a little more self-control. Be less hesitant.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

The Moon's better influence will help you to orientate yourself correctly. Before taking on any further commitments you should make sure you can meet them. Pay more attention to what is happening around you. Be cordial.



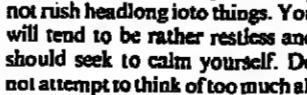
Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You have good reason for optimism but none for carelessness. You must avoid jumping to conclusions. You would do well to make a few concessions that look good and magnanimous. Be selective.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You will be in a better position to meet your commitments. A personal matter should be attended to without further delay. You should adopt a more positive attitude towards innovations. Be generous.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Pan Am and Aeroflot in Soviet tourism venture

NEW YORK, Feb 10, (AP): Pan Am Corp. announced yesterday it has entered into joint tourism venture with Aeroflot, the Soviet airline, to bring US tourists to the Soviet Union.

Pan Am, which operates Pan American world airways, said the partnership between the two airlines is designed to provide US tour operators with easier access to air and ground facilities for travel to the Soviet Union. An estimated 100,000 Americans are expected to visit the Soviet Union this year, Pan Am said.

Pan Am's commercial services subsidiary has joined with Aeroflot to form the Soviet-Pan Am Travel Effort, or Spate, which will market flights, hotels and other tourist facilities in the Soviet Union to US travel agents and tour operators. The New entity will be based in New York.

Operator

Pan Am named James L. Fannan, an executive of a tour operator company and a former marketing official with Pan Am, as the managing partner for Spate in the United States.

As part of the plan, Pan Am and Aeroflot will jointly market and operate new nonstop Boeing 747 flights between New York and Moscow, set to begin May 14. The Pan Am planes will be staffed by Pan Am pilots and cabin crews, while Aeroflot will place flight attendants on board to serve as interpreters and provide "identification" for the Soviet carrier.

Of the 100,000 Americans expected to travel to the Soviet Union this year, about 15,000 will be handled by Spate, Fannan said in a statement.

Yeutter sees falling US trade deficits

WASHINGTON, Feb 10, (Reuter): US Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter today said he expected a reduction in the US trade deficit in 1988 and 1989, regardless of the December trade figures, due to be released on Friday.

Yeutter, appearing before Congress to urge swift passage of a US-Canada free trade pact, said more attention should be paid to long-range trends and the quarterly trade figures, not the monthly ones.

The Commerce Department last month reported a sharper than expected drop in the deficit for November, triggering an upturn in the securities markets.

The 1986 deficit was \$156.2 billion and the 1987 figure is expected to top \$170 billion.

Improvement

Asked about the trade deficit, Yeutter said: "I would clearly say we're going to see improvement as the year rolls along, whether or not the next monthly figure is encouraging or not."

He said the trade figures would reflect the falling exchange rate of the dollar against other currencies, chiefly the Japanese yen and West German mark, and the improvement in the quality of US exports.

Ozal support fails to hold up Turkish lira

ISTANBUL, Feb 10, (Reuter): The Turkish lira dropped again today, ending a brief recovery after attempts by Prime Minister Turgut Ozal to support it.

The lira was trading at 1334 lira to the dollar and 785 lira to the mark in the Istanbul bazaar, weaker than when Ozal announced a support package on February 4.

"Tantakale has won," said a banner headline in left-leaning Cumhuriyet newspaper, referring to the Turkish name for the officially-ignored black market in the Istanbul bazaar.

Prices

The rates, nine per cent lower than the lira's best prices when it recovered on February 5, were edging close to record lows in January.

The February 4 support package included raising maximum lending interest rates to 65 per cent and strong warnings to banks to keep to central bank foreign exchange rules.

Ozal's package also included strong incentives for exporters and banks to repatriate foreign currency earnings.

The rate in the bazaar was 17 percent above the official central bank of 1145 for today.

The bazaar is a small market, but influential in that it directly affects the amount of commission that banks charge for their foreign currency transactions.

IRS steps up efforts

US guidelines for overseas taxpayers

By Jadranka Porter

THE US Internal Revenue Service has stepped up efforts to reach out to the Americans and "green card" holders living overseas with information that could save some of them thousands of dollars in tax and penalty payments.

The IRS set up last month a Gulf regional office in Riyadh where the permanent representative, William Dennis Melton and an assistant will answer telephone and written inquiries.

Melton, currently visiting Kuwait, said that his office and the visiting representatives from the US will help overseas taxpayers with guidelines on what is expected of them to do and help them prepare 1987 US Federal Income Tax returns.

This has been increasingly necessary since the sweeping changes in the US income tax law, introduced last year, and of which many US tax payers are

not fully aware.

An IRS representative will be available at the US Embassy consular section in Kuwait on March 20, 21 and 22.

Those who will benefit from the information the most are the US citizens and "green card" holders who fail to file the tax return, out of negligence or because they believe they don't owe any money in taxes. Melton warns that all US citizens and green card holders must file a 1987 return by April 15, 1989.

Income

A major change for overseas taxpayers is the reduction in the foreign earned income exclusion from \$80,000 to 70,000 for 1987 and subsequent years. If those who earn \$70,000 or less fail to file timely tax return, and thus forego claiming the benefit, they will lose it.

This income which could have been excluded may be fully taxed and penalty charges and interest



William Dennis Melton

would be added. This could amount to a great deal of money for someone who, had he filed the return, would have paid nothing, said Melton.

Foreign earned income

includes the salary plus the fringe benefits such as accommodation, a company car, school expenses for children, home leave. Interest and dividends do not qualify for the exclusion.

According to Melton there are many US taxpayers in the Gulf who earn \$70,000 and more.

Stressed

Another new feature of the complex US income tax system is that children above the age of five and other dependents must also have their own social security number. This is intended to stop taxpayers from claiming dependents they should not claim or who do not exist. Each dependent a taxpayer claims reduces the tax.

Miltoo stressed that green card holders and other aliens who were physically present in the US for a substantial period of time must file a tax return for 1987.

Some of the benefits that

American tax payers used to enjoy before the Tax reform Act of 1986 were withdrawn partly because of the law tax rates. But the rates are being lowered in 1988 while the items were repealed in 1987.

Among them are the exclusion for dividends, income averaging, the itemised deduction for state and local sales taxes, the 60 per cent for long term capital gains, the deduction for married couples when both are working and the credit for political contributions. "The changes brought more equity into the income tax system. More people will feel that the system is fair," said Melton.

Tax forms and publications are available from the American Embassy. Written inquiries should be addressed to: Revenue Service Representative, American Embassy — IRS, P.O. Box 9041, Riyadh 11413, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Tel: (00966) 1/488-3800 ext. 206.

World Business Summary

Fed likely to vote to ease rates, say economists

NEW YORK, Feb 10, (Reuters): The Federal Open Market Committee, the policy-making arm of the US central bank, will likely vote this week to ease monetary policy to keep the nation's economy from faltering, economists said today. Few are predicting such an overt move as a cut in the Federal Reserve's discount rate, the rate at which it lends money to commercial banks. Such a move could undermine the dollar in the foreign exchange markets, they say. But many believe the Fed could tolerate an easing in the federal funds rate, at which banks lend each other overnight reserves. Almost all the indicators point to a severe weakening in the economy," said Mickey Levy, senior economist with Fidelity Bank Philadelphia. He predicted the committee would vote to ease rates at a two-day meeting beginning later today.

"It's important to avoid a recession and not just for political reasons," Levy said.

Whatever is decided at the closed-door meeting, the jittery financial markets will not hear of it until the notes of the committee's meeting are published some time next month. Reagan administration officials have made it clear they would welcome a move by the Fed to ease credit to lower business costs and prod the sluggish economy along.

The White House's chief economic adviser, Beryl Sprinkel, has publicly suggested the Fed may be keeping too tight a rein on the money supply, and that lower interest rates would help the economy.

US interest rates fell after the Fed poured funds into the banking system right after the October 19 stock market crash. But since then, the central bank has held a steady monetary policy. Economists say the Fed is now trying to balance concerns about the economy with a need to support the dollar. "Periodic attacks on the dollar may temporarily constrain policymakers and again force more reliance on international coordination," said Ward McCarty, chief economist with Merrill Lynch capital markets. The only way the United States could lower interest rates without undermining its currency is if the countries with the strongest currencies and economies — West Germany and Japan — agreed to lower their interest rates at the same time.

Environment director appointed

WORLD Bank president Barber B. Conable this week announced the appointment of Kenneth Piddington as director of the Bank's recently established Environment Department. Piddington is currently Director-General of New Zealand's Department of Conservation. He will assume his new position in April. Piddington "will play a key role in the top priority area of developing strategies to integrate environmental considerations into our overall lending, policy and research activities," according to Conable. In an effort to further strengthen the Bank's environmental work, as well as its scientific and technological approaches in many of its development sectors, Conable also announced the appointment as senior adviser of N. Erik Arrhenius, currently professor of Management and director of the Institute for the Management of Natural Resources at the University of Stockholm.

Citing the importance of environmental issues to the Bank, Conable noted that "we recently established an Environmental Department, as well as environmental divisions in each of our regional operations vice presidencies. We are exceptionally fortunate in being able to attract Piddington and Arrhenius to strengthen our increased effort in this area." Conable added that "the World Bank must be a strong force in the environmental arena. We must be prepared to assist our member nations in ensuring that environmental considerations receive careful attention if sustainable development is to be secured."

In 1980 he was appointed his country's first commissioner for the environment and in 1986 he became the director-general of the Department of Conservation — a single department created at that time from separate environmental agencies.

Jewellery sales booming

Japan's consumer prices highest in the world: economists

TOKYO, Feb 10, (UPI): The Japanese may be burdened with the world's highest consumer prices, but they are becoming avid and sophisticated buyers of international goods, ranging from diamonds to doughnuts.

Despite incomes among the highest in the world, the prohibitive cost of land had made prospects of home ownership so dim that many people — especially the young — are spending large sums on food, gadgets, jewellery and hobbies.

Even the man who highlighted the "new human race" in magazine articles last year believes the difference between today's young people and their parents is more style than substance.

"Most of the people in this society think moeey is very important," said Chikushi Tetsuya, editorial writer for the Asahi Shinbun newspaper. "There is no difference between the younger and older generations. Both of them are so eager to buy stock and play the moeey game."

An unorthodox indication of what the Japanese are buying

may be found in what they are throwing away.

On garbage collection days many streets are lined with worktops, stereos, toasters and other household items discarded because their owners have purchased newer models.

Many foreign residents of Japan have furoished their houses with such castoffs.

Jewellery sales are booming. Purchases of diamonds from South Africa and gold chains from Italy increased sharply in the last two years, according to the jewellery merchants and customs officials. In the first half of 1987 diamond shipments to Japan leaped 60 percent despite a 23 percent price increase for a 1-carat diamond.

Plants

Along with a thirst for consumer goods, many Japanese are developing a lifestyle that lessens the burden of hectic work schedules and allows them to live a lifestyle that suits citizens of one of the world's wealthiest nations.

One trend in overcrowded Tokyo is health clubs such as "Tipness," a modern showcase of parquet floors, leafy indoor plants, loud disco music — and a waiting list of 500 young people who consider the \$1,000 annual membership fee a bargain.

In aerobics classes, men and women sportily clad leotards that range from \$43 to \$65 at the cloth's boutique. One typical outfit cost \$225.

Attitude

Akihito Arikawa, 19, a university student who lives with his parents, said the membership fee at Tipness is "cheap" compared with other health clubs in Tokyo.

His parents pay his tuition and living expenses, while he works part-time to pay for his hobbies, which include cycling — he owns a professional-class bicycle — movies, clothes and his club membership.

He said his parents' attitude towards money differs from his only in what they like to buy. His father, an avid gourmet, recently

spent \$750 on two dozen rare mushrooms.

Another club member, Masumi Matsumoto, 32, is a graphic designer who earns \$3,600 a month and spends most of her moeey collecting contemporary Japanese and American art. She spends about \$3,000 on a average piece.

Matsumoto said she and her husband already have given up on buying a house. Instead, she and many of her friends are buying cars.

Economists say consumer prices in Japan are the highest in the world. But falling prices of food imports due to the higher yen are creating a nation of cosmopolitan gourmets.

Food imports grew in volume by 17.9 percent in 1986 over the previous year, says the quasi-governmental trade promotion group Jetro. Meat imports increased by 34.4 percent, mangoes by 64.4 percent and wine by 48.8 percent. Non-alcoholic beverages shot up by 390 percent.

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NAME	LAST	ICI	025/0
ABBEY LFE	246/0	IMI	191/0
ALD LYONS	334.0	JAGUAR	322.0
ANSTRAD	131.0	LADBROKE	342.0
ARGYLL GP	186.0	LAND SEC'S	473.0
ASDA MF!	164/0	LAPORTE	387.0
A B FOODS	287/0	NAME	CLOSE OPEN
BAA PP	105/0	A.B. ELECT	354/0 357/0
BTR	247/0	BURGESS	217/0 215/0
BAT INDS	429.0	CANNON ST	115/0 115/0
BARCLAYS	460.0	CAP GROUP	207/0 207/0
BA3S	765/0	CARADON	291/0 293/0
BEAVER	183/0	CARLO EN	160/0 160/0
BECHAM3	460.0	CARLESS C	100/0 100/0
BET ORD	234/0	CARLTON C	660/0 665/0
BISS PL	320.0	CATER ALL	340/0 340/0
BLUE ARW	91.4	CEXTL ITV	563/0 563/0
BLUE CIRC	415/0	CHARTER CN	298/0 298/0
BOC GP	390.0	CHRISTIES	465/0 465/0
BOOTS CO	225.0	CHM3.CHR	104/0 103/0
BPP INDS	265/0	CHY-CIFER	18/0 18/0
BR COMM	89.75	COAL GRP	100/0 100/0
BR AIRWAY	156/0	CLYDE PET	120/0 121/0
BR AEROSP	343.0	COALITE	312/0 312/0
BR GAS PP	132.3	COURTS FR	258/0 258/0
B.P.	258/0	CI GROUP	41/0 42/0
B.P. NEW	77.0	COSTAIN G	261/0 262/0
BR TELCOM	240/0	CANTORS A	88/0 88/0
BRITOL	495.0	COLLINS H	578/0 580/0
BUNZL	165/0	COLTRN A	460/0 460/0
BURNAL DL	475.0	COLTROL	45/0 45/0
BURTON	220.0	COLOUR	231/0 231/0
CABLESWIR	337.0	COURTS FR	293/0 293/0
CADBURY'S	236.0	CRYSTALAT	145/0 145/0
COATS VIY	226/0	DARES EST	32/4 33/0
CONN UNI	312/0	CSANT JA	136/0 136/0
CONS GOLD	770.0	DAWSON H	211/0 213/0
COKSONS	538/0	DE LA RUE	388/0 390/0
COURTAULD	308/0	DEUTR INT	200/0 202/0
DALGETY	305/0	DEUTR N	183/0 183/0
DEE CP	182.0	DEUTR N	105/0 105/0
DIXONS	182/0	DEUTR N	142/0 142/0
ENG CHINA	389/0	DEUTR N	181/0 181/0
ENTER OIL	289/0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
FERRANTI	80.0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
FISON3	48.75	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
GEN ACCIO	805.0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
GEN ELEC	148.0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
GLANZ	202.0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
GRANADA	326.0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
GLOBE	134/0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
GRAND MET	454.0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
GU A	485.0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
GUARD RYL	855.0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
GKN	293/0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
GUINNESS	76.00	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
HANMERS A	134.5	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
HANSON	470.0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
HAKER SID	467/0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
HAMLEY	101/0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
HILLSDOWN	277/0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
WILLIS FB	216/0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0
WOOLNORTH	265.0	DEUTR N	159/0 159/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1348.4	1355.9	1349.0	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	971.4	964.9	958.7	957.6
FT ALL SHR	81.19	875.91	870.19	870.22
FT GOV SEC	88.63	88.43	88.17	88.49
FT GOLD MN	259.0	254.5	249.0	302.1
FT MINES F	394.42	390.33	385.04	450.65
FT OIL	1752.2	1760.0	1733.7	1663.6
FT WLD OLR	115.98	115.95	116.27	115.04
FT WLD STG	98.46	97.94	98.20	90.79
FT WLD LOC	103.84	103.53	103.95	99.08

London Stock Market Report

U.K. EQUITIES CONTINUE MIXED IN LATE TRADING				
LONDON, FEB 10 - SHARES CONTINUE MIXED IN LATE TRADING BUT OPERATORS WERE TO A SMALL EXTENT ENCOURAGED BY THE HIGHER WALL STREET OPENING, DEALERS SAID.				
AT 1530 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS UP 6.2 POINTS AT 1,713.4 AFTER A LOW OF 1,704.3 AND A HIGH OF 1,716.2. VOLUME AT 1500 GMT WAS A MODEST 249 MLM SHARES, WITH INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS AGAIN KEEPING OUT OF THE MARKET BECAUSE OF CONCERN OVER CURRENT U.K. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, PARTICULARLY THE FORD STRIKE, AND THE NEAR TERM DIRECTION OF DOMESTIC INTEREST RATES.				
FRIONY'S PUBLICATION OF THE U.K. RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND THE U.S. DECEMBER TRADE FIGURES CONTRIBUTED TO THE NERVOUS TONE.				
DEALERS EXPECT THE RECENT LOW VOLUME TO CONTINUE AHEAD OF FRIDAY, WITH THE U.S. DECEMBER TRADE FIGURES FORECAST TO SHOW A DEFICIT OF AROUND 13.75 BILLION OLR'S COMPARED WITH 13.2 BILLION IN NOVEMBER.				
THE U.K. RETAIL PRICE INDEX, BRITAIN'S MAIN MEASURE OF INFLATION, IS EXPECTED TO SHOW A SMALL MONTHLY INCREASE. DEALERS SAID THE FIGURE IS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE, WITH MANY INVESTORS WORRIED THAT INTEREST RATES WILL SOON HAVE TO RISE TO HELP CONTAIN INFLATION.				
THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH STERLING INTERBANK RATE CURRENTLY STANDS AT 9-1/4 PCT COMPARED WITH NINE PCT U.K. BASE RATES.				

London Gold

LONDON, FEB 10 - GOLD BULLION SLIPPED BACK THIS AFTERNOON, TRACKING A DOWNTURN FROM THE HIGH IN NEW YORK, ALTHOUGH THE MARKET STILL CLOSED UP ON TUESDAY.				
THE METAL FINISHED A MODERATELY ACTIVE DAY AT 442.00/442.50 OLR'S AN OUNCE, DOWN FROM THE OPENING 443.75/444.25 BUT ABOVE LAST NIGHT'S 439.75/440.25 OLR'S CLOSE.				
DEALERS SAID MARKET ATTENTION TODAY FOCUSED INCREASINGLY ON UPCOMING U.S. TRADE DATA AND THE POSSIBLE IMPACT ON THE DOLLAR. TO SOME EXTENT THIS AFTERNOON'S DOWNTURN WAS INFLUENCED BY A STEADIED DOLLAR, ALTHOUGH OVERHEAD RESISTANCE AROUND THE HIGH OF 443 OLR'S WAS ALSO NOTICEABLE, THEY ADDED.				

London Money Market

LONDON, FEB 10 - A SHARP RISE IN STERLING'S VALUE AGAINST THE DOLLAR TOOK SOME OF THE RECENT UPWARD PRESSURE OFF INTEREST RATES AND LENT A CALMER TONE TO THE MARKET TODAY, DEALERS SAID.				
STERLING ROSE 1-1/2 CENTS AGAINST THE DOLLAR AND ITS TRADE-WEIGHTED INDEX ENDED UP HALF A POINT AT 74.4.				
THE POUND WAS ALSO FIRM AGAINST THE MARK, WHICH IS SEEN AS THE CRUCIAL EXCHANGE RATE AS FAR AS THE INTEREST RATE OUTLOOK IS CONCERNED, AND THE OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF STERLING CAUSED INTERBANK LEVELS TO LOSE 1/16 OR 1/8 POINT.				
THE KEY THREE MONTH RATE ENDED DOWN 1/8 AT 9-5/16 13/16, REDUCING MARKET PRESSURE FOR A RISE IN BASE RATES FROM NINE PCT.				

Foreign Exchange

OLR	STG	DKN	FFR	OPEN
1.7580/90	1.7590/95	1.6910/20	5.7105/25	OPEN
STG 1.7580/90	STG 1.7590/95	STG 1.6910/20	STG 5.7105/25	OPEN
ONE 1.6869/6949	2.967/981	-----	26.543/702	FIX
FFR 7.065/7205	10.0565/0545	337.300/900	-----	FIX
SFR 1.3843/3853	2.4324/4355	81.85/95	24.23/26	1300
1.9005	3.3385	112.30	33.26	FIX
ECU 1.22108	0.693994	2.06522	6.97238	NOON
SDR 1.35348	2.77980	2.30484	7.77980	CLOSE
YEN 128.80	226.38/71	-----	-----	NOON
SDR RATES	09/02/1988	OTHER3	10/02/1988	-----

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Headline Highlights

London — The Republic of Portugal is issuing a 300 mln dlrs Eurobond due March 22, 1991 paying 8-1/4 pct and priced at 101-1/8 pct, lead manager: Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) Ltd said. (RTWB 0946).

London — Swedish export credit is issuing a 200 mln dlrs Eurobond due March 22, 1992, paying 8-1/8 pct and priced at 101-1/4 pct, Dafra Europe Ltd said as lead manager. (RTYO 1515).

London — Fuji Fire and Marine Insurance Co Ltd is issuing a 110 mln dlrs equity warrant Eurobond due March 2, 1993 paying an indicated five pct and priced at par, lead manager: Nomura International Ltd said. (RTWL 1114).

London — Mercedes Benz Credit Corporation is issuing a 100 mln dlrs Eurobond due February 24, 1995 paying 8-1/2 pct and priced at 100-3/4 pct. (RTWX 1153).

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8 7-3/4	8-13/16 11/16	9-5/16 KEZ6
FTT 3.25/35	3.25/35	3.25/35
PAR 7-1/8 3/16	7-3/8 B 1/2	7-9/16 11/16
ZUR 1/8 3/8	3/4 1	1-1/4 1-1/2
BRX 4.90	6-3/16 5/16	6-3/16 5/16
RDN 9-7/8 10-3/8	10-5/8 11-1/8	10-3/4 11-1/4
ANS 2-1/2 3-1/2	3-7/8 4.00	3-15/16 4-1/16
TKO 3.3750 4375	3.6875 7500	3.8125 8750
ECU 5.95 6.18	6.12 6.25	6.31 6.43

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	4-1/4	4-5/8
3 months	4-5/16	4-11/16
6 months	4-1/2	4-15/16
1 year	4-5/8	5-1/16

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	31.75	31.50	31.25	KODIAKALI	--	--	--
ACC 159	158	155	GSFC	111	111.50	108.50	ORKAY	22.75	22.50	23
AMHADY	--	--	GUJPETRO	24.50	--	PRAENATO	26.50	26.25	25.50	
ANDRA CEN 9.50	9.25	9.50	GMAILOK	90	91	87.50	RAYMOND CO	47	46	46
ANDRA VLY 142.50	--	--	HYD LAMPS	--	--	BELIANCE	105	103	101	
BARAYON 435	435	432.50	IND ORG	18.50	19	18.25	SPIC	32	32	31.75
BOM DYING 124.50	125	123	INDRAYON	49	49	48	SDT MILLS	255	250	245
BSE INDEX 433.64	432.00	ITC	186.25	186.25	181.25	STOMEDICAL	14.50	--	--	
CENTURYSPI 647.50	645	637.50	ITC CO	--	--	--	TATA PWR	--	--	
COLGATE 197.50	197.50	195.50	JK 120	--	--	--	TATACHEM	64	63	62.50
DEEPAKFERT 30.50	29.50	30	JKSYNTH	52.50	53	51	TATAOIL	75	74	74
DHARCEMENT	--	--	L AND T	85.50	84.50	82.50	TELO	365	362.50	355
FICON ORG	--	--	MAGNAMARD	--	--	--	UDAPHOSPH	--	--	
GARMPOLY 78	78.50	77	HARINTRA	SS.50	55.50	54.50	VOLTAS	260	262.50	267.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUBI CP	1090	1080	MITSUBI EL	590	585
AEG 195.8	183.5	AIJINMOTO 3400	3230	MITSUBI EST	1990	2010	MITSUBI HVY	574	565
ALLIANZ VR 1271.5	1259.5	AKAI ELEC 515	524	MITSUBI K	721	725	MITSUBI CO	721	725
BAEMERIK 177.5	175.0	AOKI 921	922	MITSUMI EL	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
BAASF 229.5	228.0	ASAHI GAS 1800	1800	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
BAIER HYP 249.5	248.5	ASAHI OPT 569	565	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
BAIER VER 312.0	306.0	BANK TOKYO 1400	1400	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
BBC 284.0	283.0	BRIDGESTON 1270	1260	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
BNF 292.0	288.5	CANON 1010	991	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
BMM 501.5	502.0	CASIO COMP 1210	1180	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
CMENIE-VER 0	120.0	CHUGAI PHG 0	0	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
COMMERZB 209.5	207.5	CITIZEN W 3120	3140	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
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DAIFER BEN 599.0	592.0	DAI HPI PT 2530	2490	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
DEUTSC BNK 390.5	386.5	DAI NIP SC 975	956	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
DLM 298.0	296.0	DAI NIP TO 470	463	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
DRESONER B 229.5	227.0	DAICEL 778	790	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
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HOESCH 96.0	93.6	DAIWA 1700	1700	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
HORTEN 168.0	159.5	DAIWA 1700	1700	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
HUSSEL HLD 385.0	374.0	DAIWA 1700	1700	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
KALI SALZ 114.0	114.8	DAIWA 1700	1700	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
KARSTADT 382.5	378.5	DAIWA 1700	1700	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
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KLOCKE W 6.0	6.75	DAIWA 1700	1700	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
LINDE 540.0	539.0	DAIWA 1700	1700	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
LUFTHANSA 136.0	136.0	DAIWA 1700	1700	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
MAN 150.0	148.5	DAIWA 1700	1700	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
MANNESMAN 112.0	108.9	DAIWA 1700	1700	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
MERCEDES 485.0	475.0	DAIWA 1700	1700	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
METALLGES 192.5	190.0	DAIWA 1700	1700	MITSUMI HVY	1520	1530	MITSUMI HVY	1240	1180
NIXDORF 504.0	498.0	DAIWA 1700	1700	MITSUMI HVY	1520				

Slow growth forecast for Gulf economies

BAHRAIN, Feb 10, (Reuters): Economic growth in Gulf Arab states is likely to be curbed in 1988 by a weak oil market and tight government budgets, Gulf International Bank said in an economic report today.

"The scope of economic growth in 1988 appears to be limited," said the Bahrain-based bank's economist, Henry Azzam.

"The restrained government budgets in most Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries may fail in giving domestic demand the boost needed to compensate for the expected drop in oil gross domestic product."

The GCC links Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

Azzam said a drop in the purchasing power of the US dollar, to which most GCC currencies are tied, tighter bank credit, planned increases in import duties and a reduction in subsidies would also dampen domestic demand.

Economics

But he said Gulf economies could be expected to consolidate gains made in 1987, with the private sector geared to play a more active role.

In Saudi Arabia, non-oil gross domestic product grew by 0.8 per cent in 1987 compared to declines of 2.3 per cent in 1986 and 5.7 per cent in 1985. Saudi Arabia's exports of non-oil products rose by 25 per cent and the inflation rate was a negative 1.4 per cent.

Azzam said developments in the Gulf's financial and capital markets — Kuwait has issued government bonds and Saudi Arabia plans to do so — would help to check the erosion of foreign reserves.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) had succeeded in stabilising oil prices at around \$18 a barrel he said, and prices were likely to fluctuate around that level well into the next decade.

South Yemen and Mauritania get Arab Fund loans

THE Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development offered yesterday four new loans to South Yemen and Mauritania to the tune of KD9.3 million.

The four credit agreements were signed by Afesd director general Abdullaifi Al Hamad and the ambassadors of South Yemen and Mauritania in Kuwait.

A press release of the Kuwait-based fund indicated that the first loan to Aden, worth KD5.5 million, would co-finance a major road project.

The second loan, amounting to KD1.5 million is earmarked for financing a fisheries institute project and a scheme for fisheries cooperatives.

Facilities

The two loans brought to KD71.7 million total finances to Aden provided by Afesd since inception of credit facilities in 1973.

The fund also gave two loans worth KD2.3 million to Mauritania.

The first loan, amounting to KD1.3 million would finance a project for making better use of "Al Qalab" ore steel mines.

The scheme is designed to boost the mines' annual output to keep pace with rising demand.

The second loan, worth KD1 million would benefit convertible industries and traditional fishing sectors.

Loan facilities will help boost economy

THE Governor of Kuwait's Central Bank, Sheikh Salem Abdulla Aziz Al Sahah, has denied rumours that the Central Bank was fixing the dinar rate of exchange according to the value of the local market.

He affirmed that the price of the Kuwaiti Dinar is determined according to a basket of foreign currencies.

Sheikh Salem also said that the completion of the Central Bank's programme to settle outstanding debts owed to local banks will lead to a new era of economic activity in the country.

Facilities

He said this can be achieved by the local banks developing their loan facilities according to new guidelines and regulations.

Sheikh Salem pointed out that the new interest rates which were brought in during the first quarter of 1987 had a positive effect on the demand for credit.

Loans over KD20,000 totalled KD200 million during the period from March to December last year and sixty per cent of these loans were given for productive economic projects.

Gold gains

Dollar edgy and stocks firmer

LONDON, Feb 10, (Reuters): The dollar opened slightly lower in Europe today ahead of key US trade figures on Friday, stocks were generally firmer while gold prices were higher.

Trading on Europe's markets was mostly thin and cautious ahead of Friday's figures for the US December trade deficit. A bigger-than-expected trade gap would be likely to depress the dollar.

Dealers said there was no clear direction for investors to follow. "The US will take the lead later today," a London currency trader said.

Gains

Shares in Paris, London, Frankfurt and Zurich showed modest gains after stronger closes on Wall Street and in Tokyo. The gold price was fixed at \$43.80 an ounce in London, up from Tuesday's fix of \$43.60.

The dollar opened at about 1,6948 West German marks in London and 128.95 Japanese yen from Tuesday's close of 1,7005 marks and 129.10 yen. It had started to soften in New York.

Some dealers expressed concern about remarks today by US Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter to a Congressional hearing that the US trade balance would improve as the year went on, whatever Friday's figures for December show.

The dealers took this as a sign that the US trade deficit for December may be higher than the \$12 to 13.5 billion gap that many economists are expecting.

Maybe we should not interpret

too much into Yeutter's statement but I personally am pessimistic about Friday," said a senior dealer at a large US bank in Frankfurt.

The market should be warned by that (Yeutter's comment), said another dealer in London.

Some dealers expect lower US interest rates in reaction to a slowdown in the American economy.

With no US economic data due today and Japanese markets now closed until Friday because of a national holiday, German dealers expected the dollar to hold in its 1.68 to 1.71 mark range for the rest of the day.

On share markets, London's blue-chip FTSE 100 index was 1,716 points at 1100 GMT after closing at 1,707.2 on Tuesday.

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Dear Junior Readers,

Have you ever had someone call you a bad name or say something to you that was untrue and hurt your feelings? This is something that often happens in school at one time or another since it is not unusual for a student to say something in anger that hurts another person. Although outbursts of this kind should not happen, they do.

The best thing to learn is how to react when someone says something unkind to you. It helps if you can try to understand that the other person might be angry and unhappy and wants to make you feel unhappy also. Of course, you have probably been told by your parents and teachers to 'just ignore' someone who says rude things, and although this is difficult, it is probably the best way to handle such a situation.

Do not lower yourself to the level of the other person by saying things back, but instead try to just continue what you are doing and the other person will most likely leave you alone.

Aunt Barbara

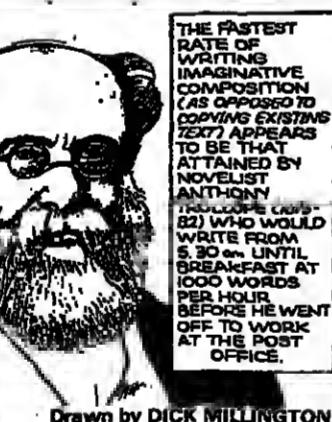
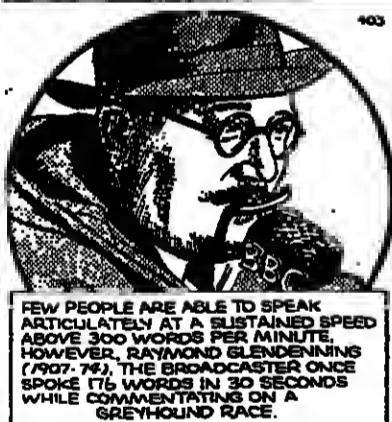
Search for GAL

Can you find the words below in the diagram? They are formed in the diagram forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line and are never formed by skipping over any letters.

AGAL GALE GALLERY GALOOT
BENGAL GALENA GALLEY GALORE
FINGAL GALILEO GALIC GALOSHES
FRUGAL GALL GALLON GALWAY
FUNGAL GALLANT GALLOP LEGAL
GALA GALLEON GALLUS REGAL
GALAXY



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Math puzzles

Answers to Tuesday's puzzles.

● Since light travels 186,000 miles per second, it took almost no time at all to travel the short distance between Bali and Marty. So we can assume that Marty saw each swing of the hammer at the time that Bali made it. However, he didn't hear the bang of the swing until after Bali made the swing, because he didn't hear the sound until after it travelled the distance between him and Bali. To figure out what this distance was, we observe:

1. Bali hit a nail 30 times every minute. There are 60 seconds in a minute. So Bali hit a nail every two seconds. Thus there are two seconds between each swing of the hammer and the swing just before it.

2. The last bang Marty heard was the bang of the last swing. When he saw the last swing of the hammer, it was accompanied by a bang. That bang was the bang before the last, so it was the sound of the swing before the last. Each swing was separated from the one before it by two seconds. So it was two seconds. So it was two seconds between the time Marty saw the last swing and the time when he heard its bang. This means that it took the sound of the bang two seconds to travel from Bali to him. At the rate of 1,100 feet per second, the sound travelled 2,200 feet in two seconds. So the distance from Bali to Marty was 2,200 feet.

● The answer to this problem is the same no matter what the distance is between Montgomery and Shafisbury. Let us say that the distance between the two towns is 120 miles. Then the round trip would be a total distance of 240 miles. If the average speed of the round trip is to be 60 miles per hour, then it should take 4 hours for the bus to make the entire trip. But, if the 120 miles from Montgomery to Shafisbury are travelled at an average speed of 30 miles per hour, then

A WOLF had a fox with him, and made him do all his dirty work. The fox would gladly have escaped, but the wolf was stronger than he was, so he had to do as he was told.

One day, as they went through the forest, the wolf said, 'Off you go, Red Fox, and bring me something good to eat, or I'll eat you instead!'

'I know a farm', replied the fox, 'where there are a number of little lambs. I'll bring you one if you like.'

This suited the wolf very well, so the fox went and stole a lamb and brought it back to the wolf, who devoured it. But the wolf was still hungry, and thought he would go and steal another lamb for himself. Off he went to the farm, but he was so clumsy about it that the ewe saw him and started to bleat, and she made such a noise that the farm people came running up with all sorts of farm implements. They beat the wolf so mercilessly that he fled, limping and groaning.

'You've made a fool of me,' complained the wolf when he reached the fox. 'When I tried to steal another lamb, all the farm people rushed out, and when she saw the wolf she raised the alarm. Up rushed all the farm people, who beat him with sticks and rakes and pitchforks until he was lame in two legs, and he fled howling into the forest.'

'Why must you be so greedy?' replied the fox.

Next day they were strolling through the forest, when the wolf said, 'Bring me something to eat, Red Fox, or I'll eat you instead!'

'I know a farm,' replied the fox, 'where the farmer's wife bakes wonderful pancakes. I'll bring some if the life out of me!'

'Off he went, and when he came to the farm-house he sniffed around for a time till he discovered the dish of pancakes, took out six and carried them back to the wolf. 'There you are!' he said, and wot off to sleep.

The wolf swallowed all six pancakes at one gulp, and wanted more. So off he went to the farm-house, where he was welcomed with open arms.

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and clumsily pulled the whole dish off the shelf, so that it was broken into pieces on the floor. The farmer's wife came to see what all the noise was, and when she saw the wolf she raised the alarm. Up rushed all the farm people, who beat him with sticks and rakes and pitchforks until he was lame in two legs, and he fled howling into the forest.'

'You've made a fool of me,' complained the fox. 'The farm people caught me and almost beat the life out of me!'

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Again on the third day they were going through the forest, the wolf limping along with difficulty. 'Red Fox,' he said, 'go and bring something to eat, or I'll eat you instead!'

'I know a man,' replied the fox, 'who has a great barrel of salted meat lying in his cellar. Let's go and eat it.'

'Fie,' said the wolf. 'But I want you to help me if we are attacked.'

'All right,' replied the fox, and showed him the way to the cellar.

There was plenty of meat in the barrel, and the wolf tucked in and made a hearty meal of it. The fox ate a little too, but he kept running back to the hole by which they had entered, to see if his body was still slim

enough to slip through it.

'Tell me, dear fox,' said the wolf, 'why are you so restless?'

'I just want to make sure that no one is coming,' replied the crafty animal.

'Don't eat too much!'

'I shall go on eating till the barrel is empty!'

Meanwhile, the owner of the house had been disturbed by all the noise, and

came to see what was happening. As soon as the fox caught sight of him, he was out in a flash; but the wolf had eaten so much that he stuck in the hole, and could move neither forwards nor backwards.

The man seized a cudgel and struck the wolf dead, and the fox trotted off through the trees, delighted to be rid of the old glutton.

Closet

I like to pretend

the raincoat sleeves are the leaves.

I like to pretend

the slippery boots are the roots.

I like to pretend

the old fur coat is my friend, the brown bear, who lets me hide in her lair.

Judith Thurman

Poetry Corner



Analogies

1. ACUTE is to CHRONIC as TEMPORARY is to (A) sardonic (B) tonic (C) persistent (D) pretty (E) sick

2. GUN is to HOLSTER as SWORD is to (A) pistol (B) scabbard (C) warrior (D) slay (E) plunger

3. CAMPHOR is to AROMATIC as LILAC is to (A) lavender (B) flower (C) fragrant (D) rose (E) scintillant

4. CONDONE is to OFFENSE as (A) punish: criminal (B) mitigate: penitence (C) overlook: aberration (D) mistake: judgment (E) ignore: loyalty

5. PROTOPLASM: CELL: (A) chain: link (B) fibre: plastic (C) coin: money (D) chemistry: elements (E) food: wheat

6. CORRUGATED: STRIPED: (A) box: zebra (B) paint: crayon (C) roughness: smoothness (D) pit: dot

4A, 5A, 6D, 3C, 1C, 2B, 3C, 4C

It's a steal

The illusion:

YOUR hostess loans you an empty candy dish which you set in front of you. A napkin is shaken out and proven to be absolutely empty. The corners of the cloth are gathered up, the dish thrust up into the folds, and when you remove it candy or nuts fill it to overflowing!

The preparation:

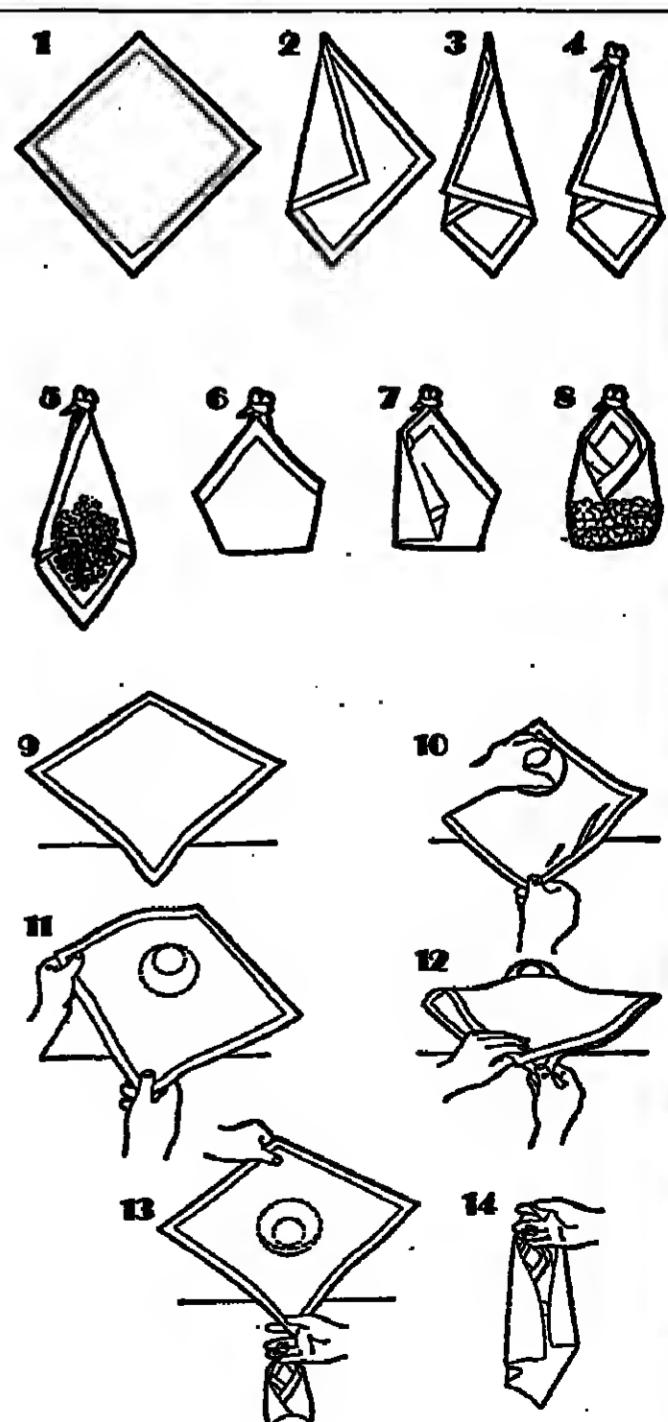
A second napkin is needed, one that you prepared ahead of time and smuggle in to your place at the table. (It can be inside your jacket, in your purse, or preset under the table at your chair!) Follow the folding diagrams and after you've tied the knot (4), put a quantity of oats or candy inside the bag, pushing it all the way to the top. Now bring up the bottom corner, fold the left side past the centre, and bring the right corner over to lock inside the left one, as (8). Finally, shake the goodies down into the bottom of the bag. The pressure of your load inside should keep your "load bag" locked shut.

The trick:

GET the load bag into your lap, with the knot upward and just below the edge of the table, at least a minute before you ask for an empty dish. Spread another napkin flat in front of you with one corner toward you (9). Place the dish upside down on top of it. Put your left hand on top of the dish and pull the napkin out from under it, pulling the cloth straight to you until it is almost free of the dish and then pulling it upwards (10). This time, cover the dish with the napkin, and hold the corner closest to you (11). Lift the opposite corner of the napkin with your left hand and bring it back to the corner you're holding (12). Turn the dish rightside up as your right middle two fingers take hold of the knot of the load bag to your lap. As soon as you have the bag securely between them your left hand replaces the outer corner of the napkin, covering the dish (13).

Now use the same move you did when you pulled the napkin out from under the bowl. Only this time you are bringing the load bag up behind the napkin at the same time. The attention of the audience will be on the bowl in front of you as the folds of the napkin fall around the load bag and hide it. (14). Your left hand picks up the dish, takes it underneath, inside the folds of the napkin, and you shake the napkin and the load bag at the same time. It should open the folds of the load bag so the contents spill down into the dish. If not, put the dish on the table, free the folds with the left hand, and then reveal the goodies. Wouldn't it be great if they were emeralds?

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Three in final for award

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The winner, selected by a worldwide panel of electors from North America, Europe, Asia, South America, Central America, Africa and the Caribbean, will be announced on Feb 23.

Johnson to resume racing

BRUSSELS, Feb 10, (Reuter): World 100 metres champion Ben Johnson is set to resume racing after straining a thigh muscle last Friday, the organisers of a Ghent indoor meeting said yesterday.

They said Johnson had travelled to Genoa, Italy, where he is due to compete on Saturday. He is also entered for the 60 metres in Ghent four days later.

Rugby squad

EDINBURGH, Feb 10, (Reuter): Scotland, emphatic 23-12 victors over title-holders France at Saturday, have named an unchanged side for their next Five Nations Rugby Union clash with Wales in Cardiff on February 20.

After the rediscovery of their form against France, Scotland will be reasonably optimistic of doing well in Cardiff where they have had some close games in recent visits.

Cruyff accepts offer

BARCELONA, Spain, Feb 10, (Reuter): Farmer Dutch soccer star Johan Cruyff has accepted an offer in coach ailing Barcelona, a Catalan newspaper said today—but the club would not confirm the report.

"At the moment, these are just rumours," Barcelona vice-president Nicolas Casaus told Reuters.

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SPORTS

Buck Sands
beat Hunting
and Equestrian

BUCK Sands romped over Hunting & Equestrian by a score of 12 to 6 last Friday when they hosted the second leg of this annual friendly inter club meeting between golf clubs in Kuwait.

Having lost the first leg at H&E last December by a score of 10 to 7, BS played with extreme vigour and determination taking full advantage of local course knowledge to handily outscore the visitors and finish overall winners of the 1987-1988 season by a score of 19 to 16 matches.

Although conditions were ideal, prevailing swirling winds combined with the length of the course and difficulty of the rough made scoring hard for the visitors. However, the visitors were able to salvage some honour when the ever improving Mrs. Grid Sawires (21) notched all lady competitors on the minister 606 yards sixth hole to secure the longest drive prize for H&E.

Meanwhile, Peter Benjamin (13) H&E won the men's longest drive on the 14th hole when he drove 270 yards down the fairway in edge R. Myers (6) BS by one yard. While Mrs. Val Hedenstrom claiming the nearest to pin prize for H&E at the short 18th yard 13th hole.

Other winners, all from Buck Sands, were 16 year old Troy Bradbury (9) winning the longest drive on hole No.5 when he out drove Gentle Giant Kevin Long (4). Jamal Bazzari (15) won nearest the pin on hole No.3 and L. Hovey (29) winning nearest the pin on hole No.15.

Mini rugby

FRIDAY'S training session attracted a large crowd of both players and spectators. The forthcoming Bahrain tour has generated more than the usual interest as Kuwait will be hoping to make it 'four in a row' straight victories with virtually a new squad of players.

Captains for the planned tour were also announced along with confirmation that the touring group will number 95.

KMMC are co-ordinating both travel and hotel arrangements. The visiting Bahraini senior side who were beaten by Kuwait let it slip that their junior counterparts have been putting in extra practice. Organisers McAree and Bennett along with the coaching staff hope to contact this and are quietly confident that they can match the extra application being exerted by their Bahraini counterparts.

A keen sporting contest is envisaged. The following boys were elected captains for the tour: Damia McAree -- seniors, Michael Swanson -- middle group and Graham Crosby will be in charge of the Mini Group.

Hawks beat
Philadelphia 76ers

ATLANTA, Feb 10. (AP): Dominique Wilkins scored 49 points, including a tie-breaking layup with two seconds remaining, and the Atlanta Hawks beat Philadelphia 76ers 112-110 last night. 76ers coach Jim Lynam's debut.

Charles Barkley scored a career-high 47 points for Philadelphia, but had his 3-point try hit the rim at the buzzer. The 76ers have lost 11 straight on the road and eight of 10 games overall.

Other results
D. Mavericks 124 Utah Jazz 93.
Bullets 126 NJ Nets 117.
Pistons 89 Chicago Bulls 74.
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BIN SULAYEM AND AL HAJRI ARE FAVOURITES

Qatar International Rally begins today

DOHA: Twenty six teams from the Middle East and Europe start today's Qatar International Rally.

Favourites to win this 800 km long event will be Marlboro driver Mohammad Bin Sulayem, the Middle East Rally champion, who also won the manufacturers' title for the Toyota team Middle East in 1987 and Rothmans ace Saeed Al Hajri of Qatar.

Well prepared

"I am very well prepared, and I will do all my best to win here, in Qatar," commented Saeed.

Sulayem is seeded number one in his team Toyota Middle East Celica Turbo, co-driven this year by Runan Morgan from Ireland.

Al Hajri also has high hopes of claiming the 15th international victory of his career in Qatar over the next two days.

The rally starts at 12.00 today from the Doha corniche. Drivers return to the Ramada Hotel in Doha at 23.30 for an overnight halt, then re-start at 10.00 on Friday finishing at 16.00 back at the Ramada after a total route of 800 kms, which includes 400 kms of special stages.

Approaching the end of his preparations for the 850-km event, the Qatari said: "If the car keeps running well, I think I can win this rally. It is very quick, very strong and more powerful than the Rothmans Porsche I have been driving for the past four years."

Al Hajri's optimism is shared by his new British co-driver, Steve Bood, whose main problem in practice has been adapting to the unfamiliar desert terrain around Doha, and the pace of Middle East rallying.

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Bin Sulayem



Al Hajri

Navratilova trounces Benjamin

DALLAS, Feb 10. (UPI): Top seed Martina Navratilova trounced Camille Benjamin and Mary Lou Daniels upset fifth seed Lori McNeil last night in the opening round of the Virginia Slims of Dallas.

Navratilova needed only 40 minutes to overpower Benjamin 6-0, 6-1. Daniels, of Chicago, recorded the day's only upset, 6-2, 6-4, over McNeil.

Navratilova, now coached by Tim Gullikson, said she is "working to win everything" this year.

"The French (Open), I haven't won in a while there," she said. "But there is the (US) Open and Wimbledon. I want to keep working on my game and keep winning."

Next

Navratilova will next face Larisa Savchenko of the Soviet Union, who opened with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Elise Burdin of Baltimore.

Second seed Pam Shriver blanked Sandy Collins, Collins, who lost in the qualifying rounds of the tournament, was a last-minute replacement for Ann Henrickson, who had withdrawn after contracting a stomach virus.

Shriver will next face Marianne Werdel, who defeated



Navratilova: top seed

Kathleen Horvath 6-4, 6-1.

"I'm looking forward to playing Werdel, who defeated Kathleen Horvath 6-4, 6-1.

"I'm looking forward to playing Werdel," Shriver said. "The last time we played, she had me 7-6 in the third (set). With my match today, I'll be fresh to play her."

Nav. 4 seed Zina Garrison earned a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Beverly Bowes and said she "had to do a lot of running."

"I've been working on my

physical ability, and it worked pretty well," Garrison said. "It's good to get the first win in."

Struggled

Garrison next plays Maria Lidstrom of Sweden, who struggled past Barbara Gerkin 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

In doubles, Bowes and Horvath beat sisters Katrina and Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria, 6-6, 6-2, 6-2. Also, Savchenko and Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union beat Joanne Russell and Wendy White 6-2, 6-3.

RESULTS of the Men's Ladies Bridge Club games played on Saturday, N/S

Bridge

Dyke defeats Benhabiles

Goldie ousts Sanchez

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Feb 10. (AP): Unseeded American Dan Goldie yesterday ousted Emilio Sanchez the number four seed from Spain, in the first-round of the 1988 Nabisco Grand Prix tennis tournament.

Goldie's surprise 7-5, 6-4 victory means he will face unseeded Dutchman Michiel Schapers in second-round play later this week.

Edged

In other action of the second day of first-round play here, unseeded Czech Milan Srejber edged past his seventh-seeded compatriot Tomas Sedlak 6-3, 6-1.

Meanwhile, fifth-seeded Henri Leconte of France trounced Stanislaw Birner of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 6-2 and Jonas

Svensson of Sweden, the number eight seed, beat Luis Matoor of Brazil 6-4, 6-2.

Paul Chamberlain of the United States ousted Spaniard Sergio Casal 6-1, 6-1 and Mirnslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia beat his countryman Branislav Stankovic 6-3, 6-1.

The \$452,000 tournament in this port city lasts until next Sunday.

In Lyon, France, Australian Broderick Dyke defeated Frenchman Tarik Benhabiles yesterday in the second round of the \$280,000 Nabisco Grand Prix tennis tournament.

Dyke, ranked 96th, beat the 72nd-ranked Benhabiles, 6-4, 6-4.

RESULTS of the Men's Ladies Bridge Club games played on Tuesday, N/S

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RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club games played on Tuesday.

N/S

1. Shah & Zafri 2. Dr. Sali & Sarker 3. Alib & Sadiq E/W 1. Mr and Mrs Farah 2. Ghazi and Shamsy 3. Gaffar and Shamsy

RESULTS of Sheraton Ladies Bridge Club games played on Wednesday morning.

N/S

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